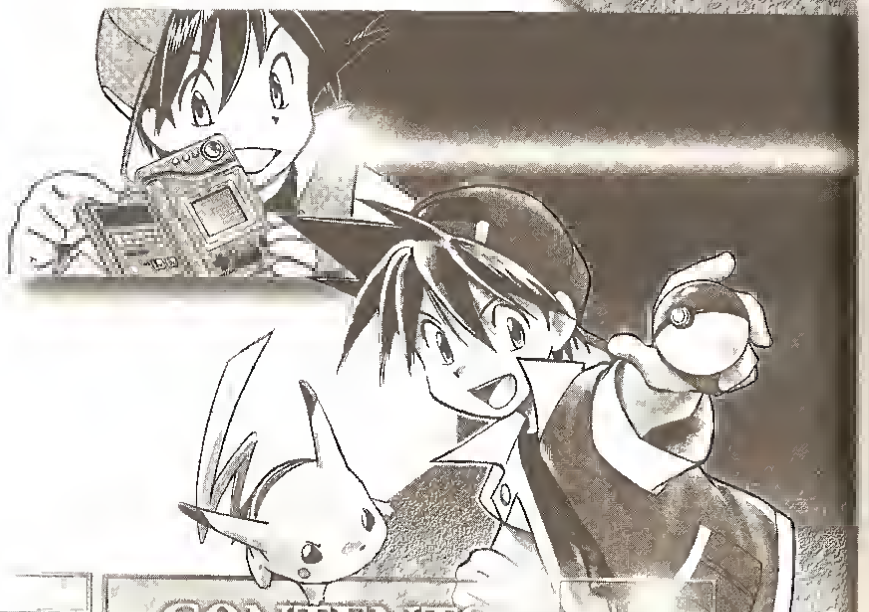

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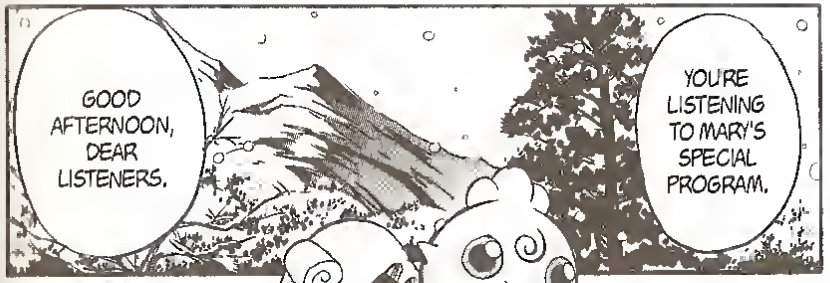
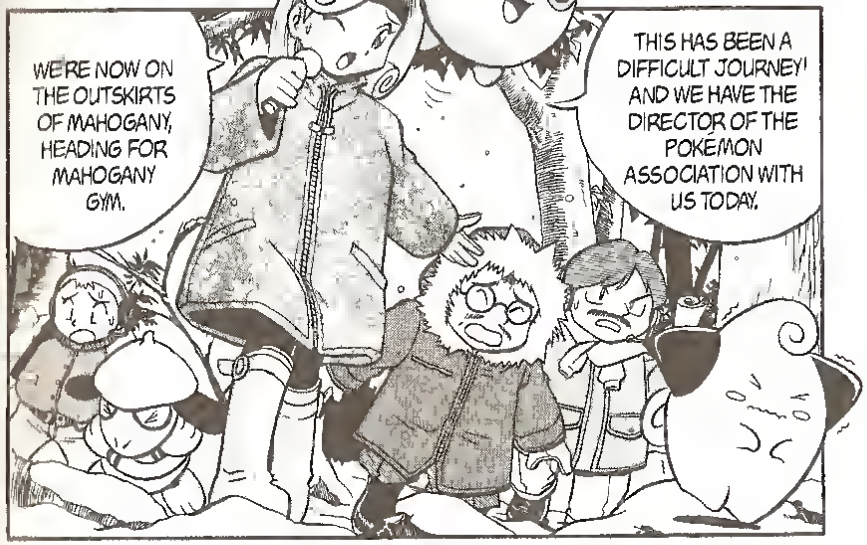
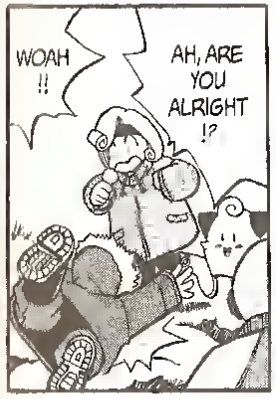
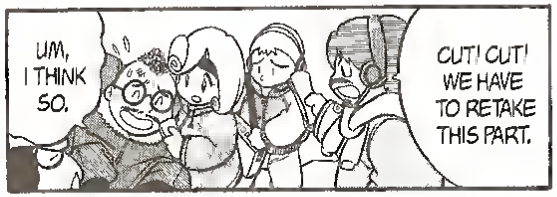
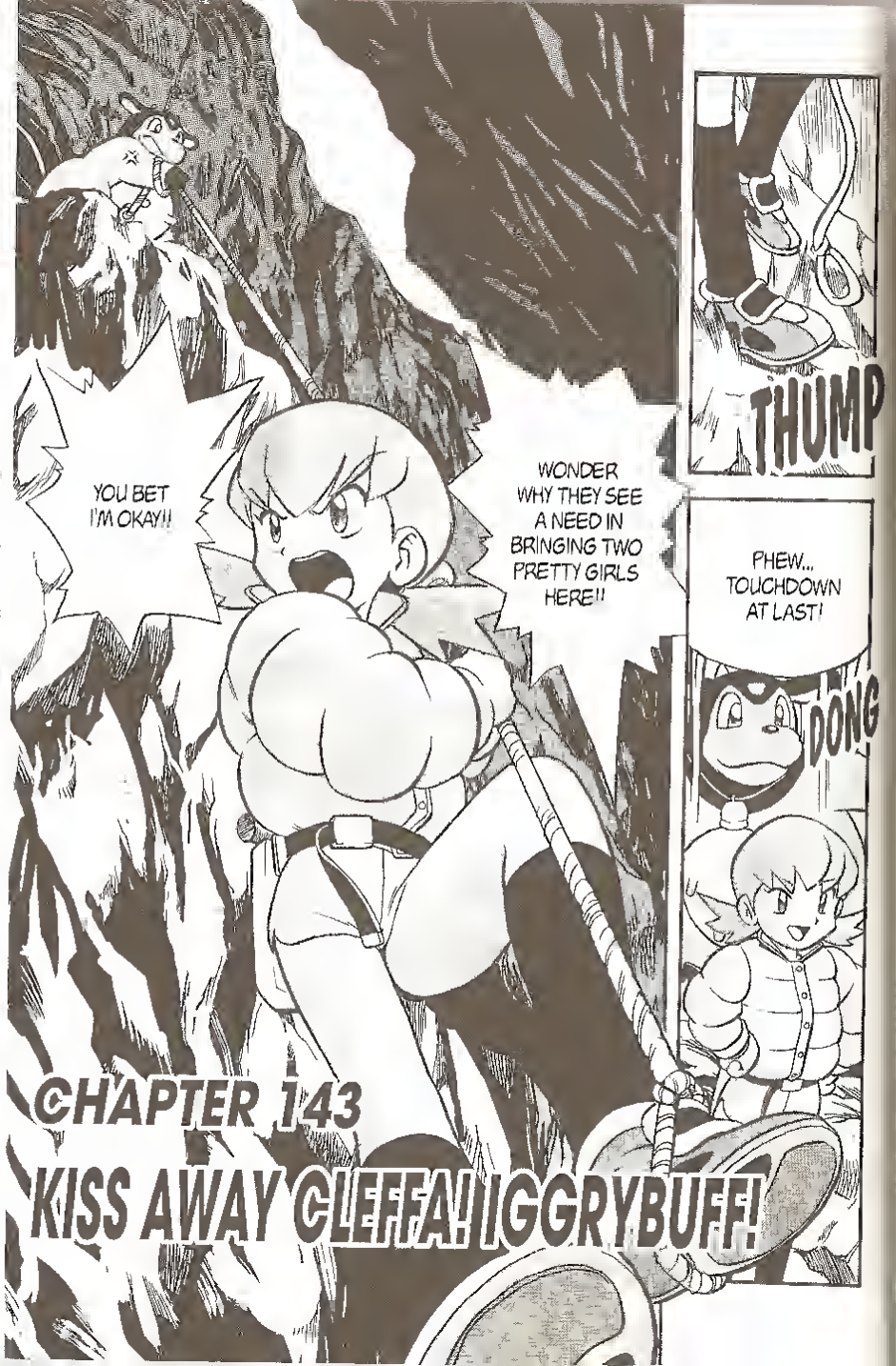



WE'RE NOW ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MAHOGANY, HEADING FOR MAHOGANY GYM.
THIS HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT JOURNEY! AND WE HAVE THE DIRECTOR OF THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION WITH US TODAY.







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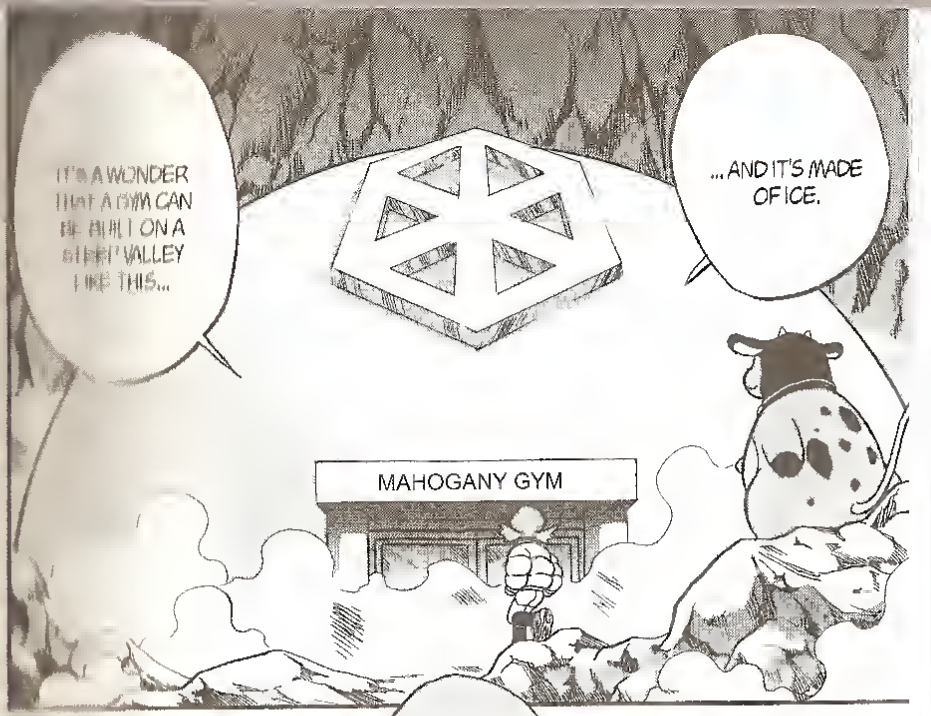
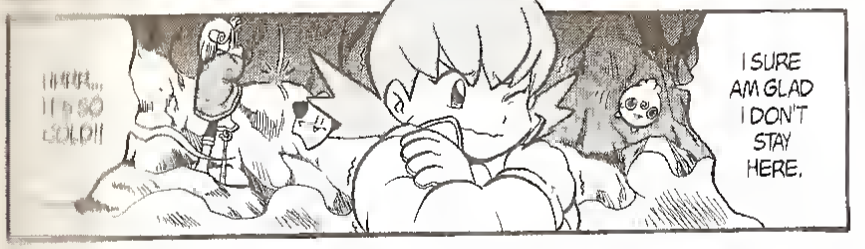
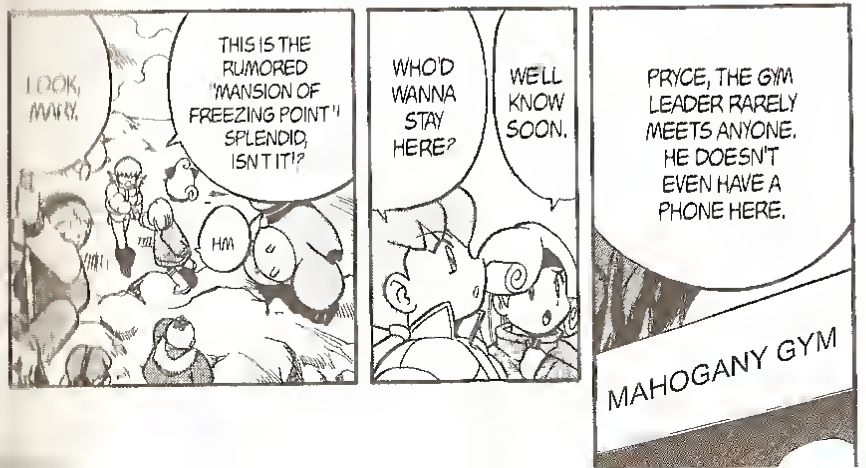
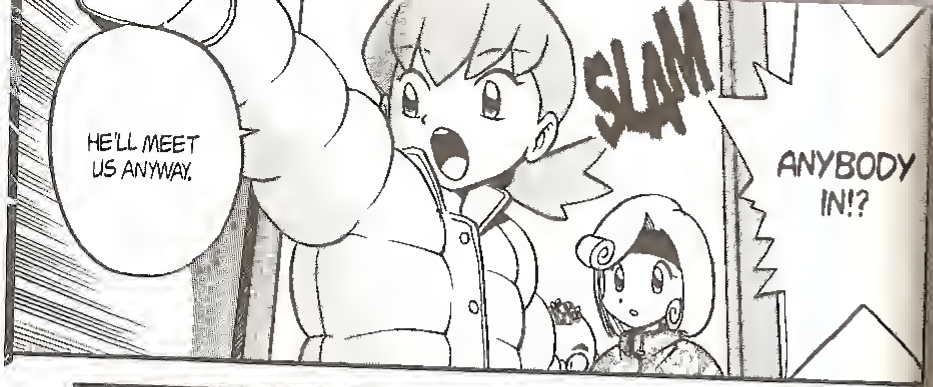
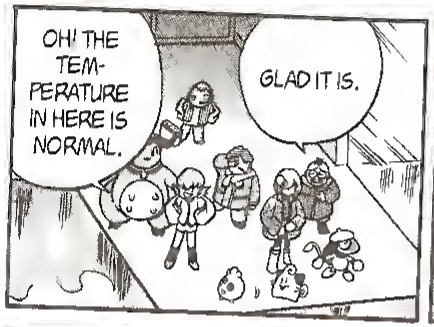
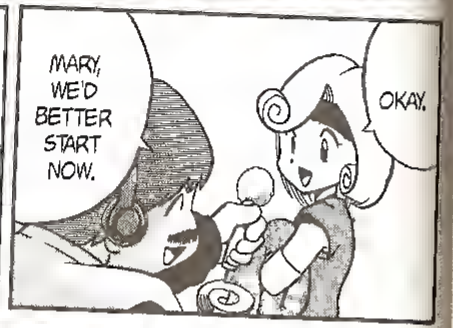


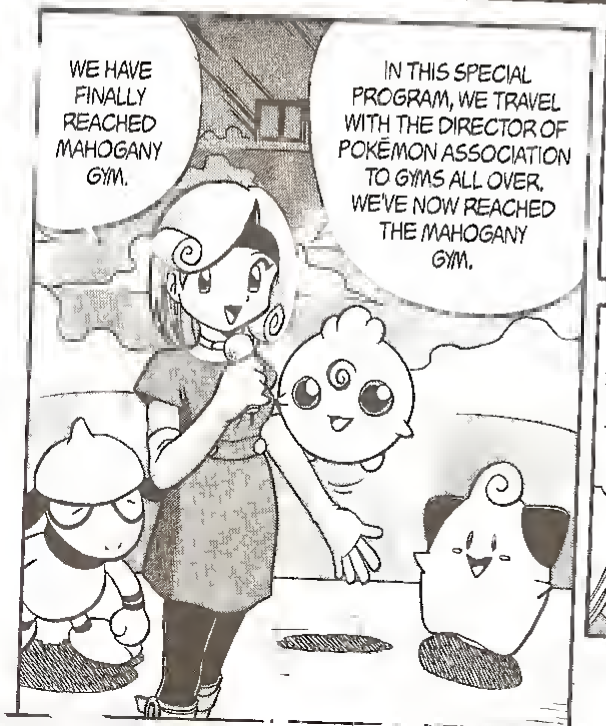



LOOK, MARY.
THIS IS THE RUMORED "MANSION OF FREEZING POINT"! SPLENDID, ISN'T IT!?
HM
WHO'D WANNA STAY HERE?
WE'LL KNOW SOON.
PRYCE, THE GYM LEADER RARELY MEETS ANYONE. HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A PHONE HERE.
MAHOGANY GYM

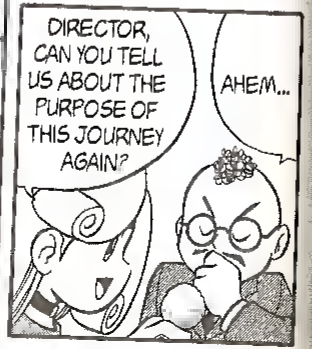

HE'LL MEET US ANYWAY.
SLAM
ANYBODY IN!?

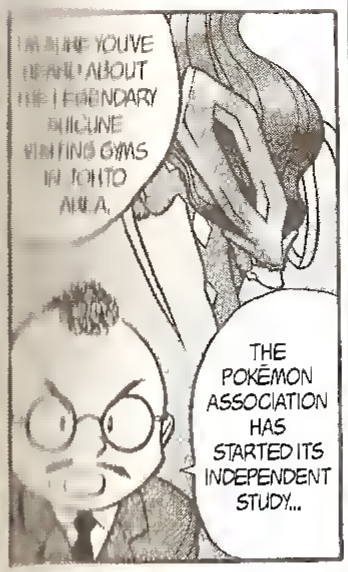

OH! THE TEM-PERATURE IN HERE IS NORMAL.
GLAD IT IS.


MARY, WE'D BETTER START NOW.
OKAY.


WE HAVE FINALLY REACHED MAHOGANY GYM.
IN THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM, WE TRAVEL WITH THE DIRECTOR OF POKÉMON ASSOCIATION TO GYMS ALL OVER. WE'VE NOW REACHED THE MAHOGANY GYM.

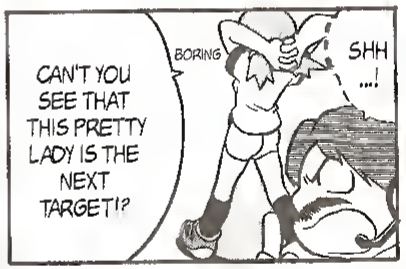
AND WHITNEY, MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND AND LEADER OF GOLDENROD IS WITH US TOO TODAY
HI HI!


DIRECTOR, CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF THIS JOURNEY AGAIN?
AHEM...

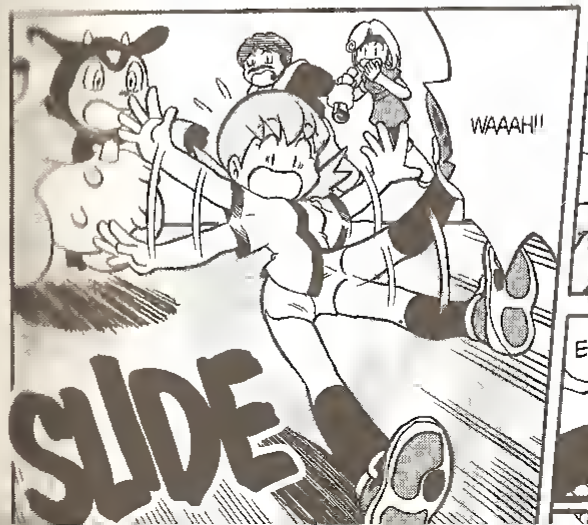

I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE LEGENDARY SUICUNE VISITING GYMS IN JOHTO AND...
THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION HAS STARTED ITS INDEPENDENT STUDY...

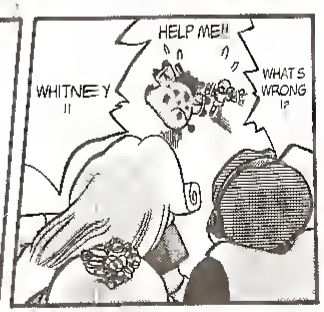
...AND JUDGING FROM SUICUNE'S CHALLENGES TO THE GYM LEADERS, WE BELIEVE THAT PRYCE OF MAHOGANY GYM IS THE NEXT TARGET.

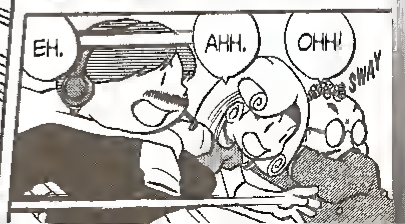
OH! WHAT A PACK OF NONSENSE!

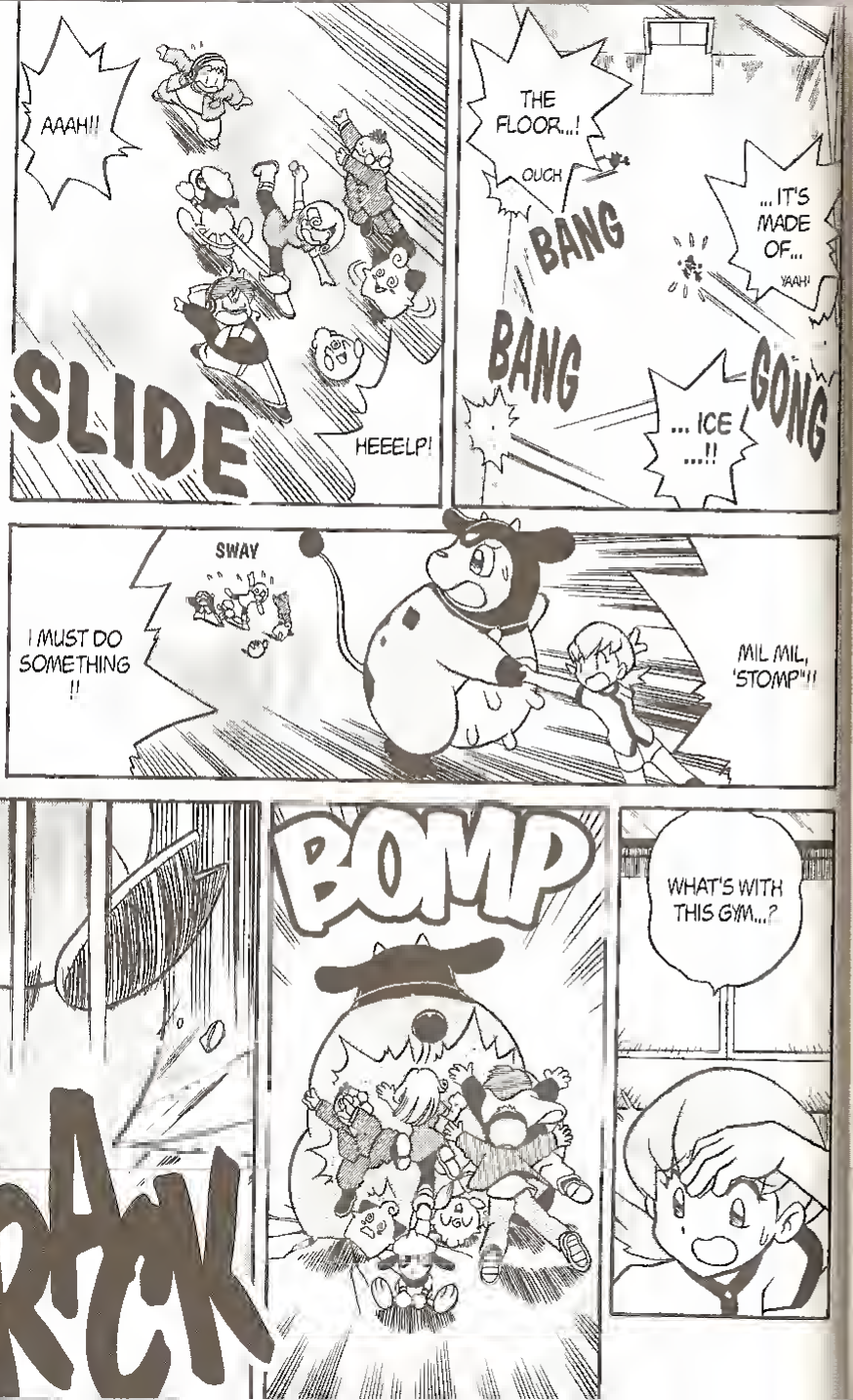

CAN'T YOU SEE THAT THIS PRETTY LADY IS THE NEXT TARGET!?
BORING
SHH ...!

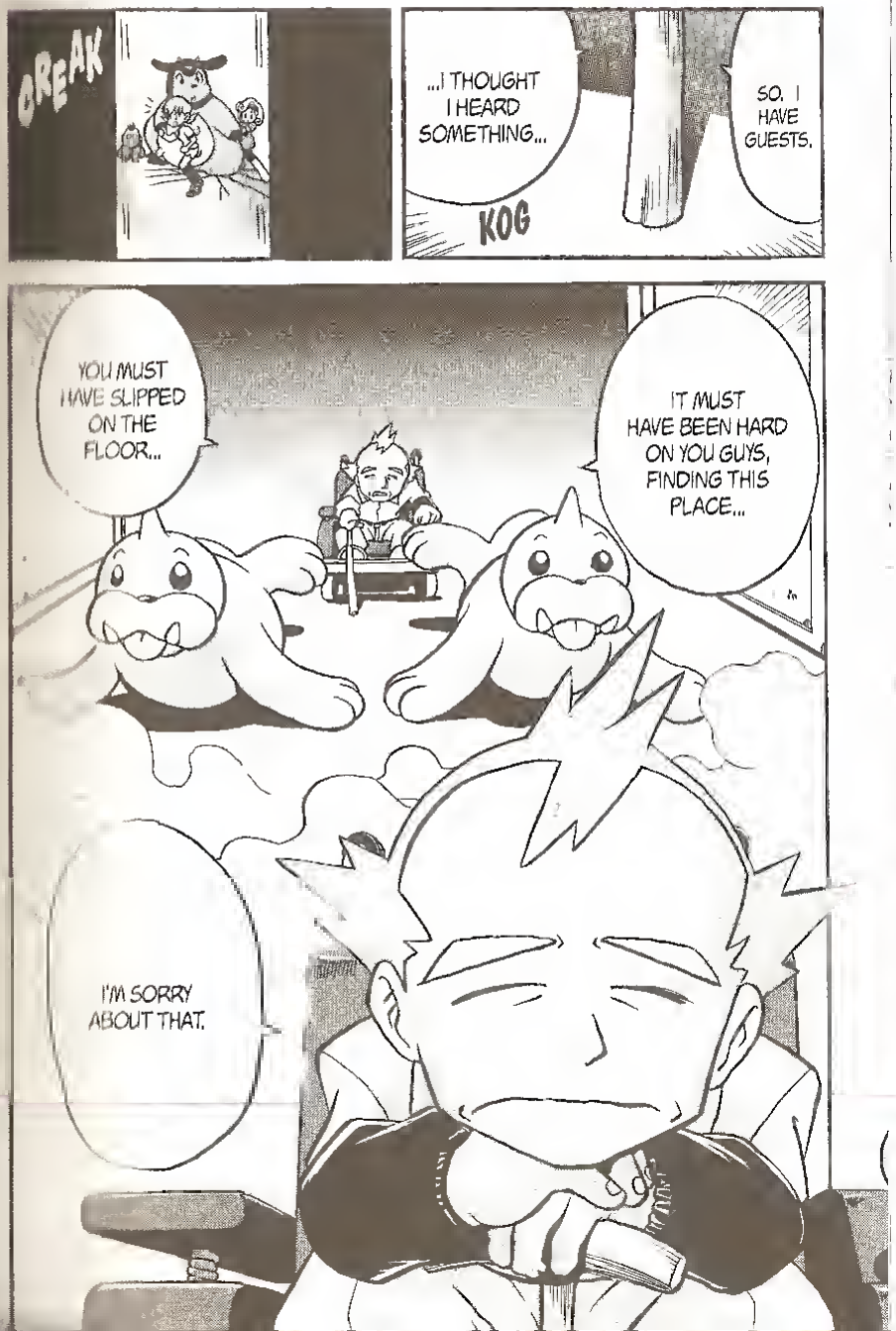
HAH.
SLIP

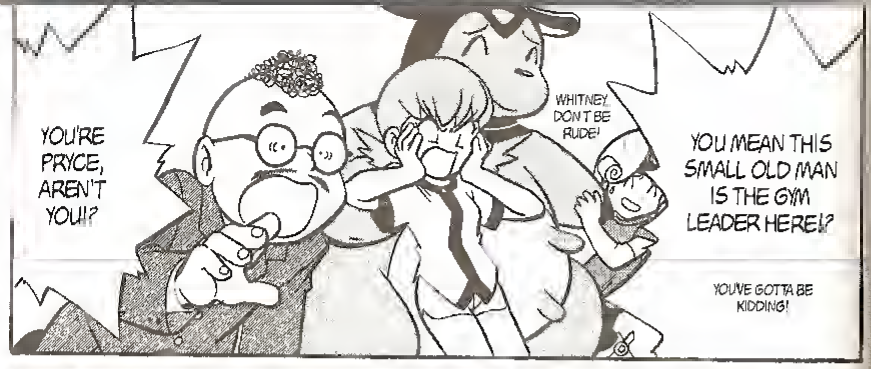

WAAAH!!
SLIDE

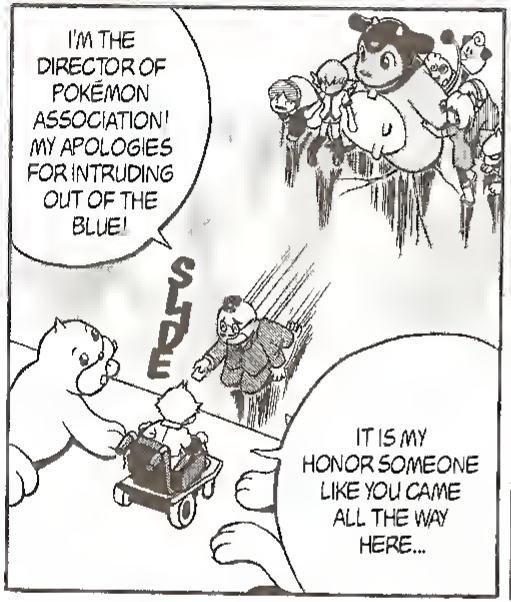

HELP ME!!
WHITNEY !!
WHAT'S WRONG !?

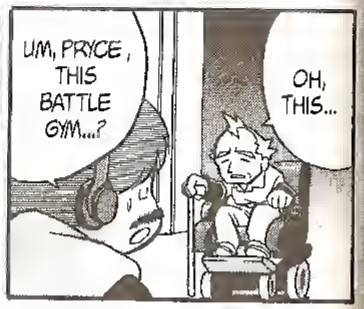

EH.
AHH.
OHH!
SWAY

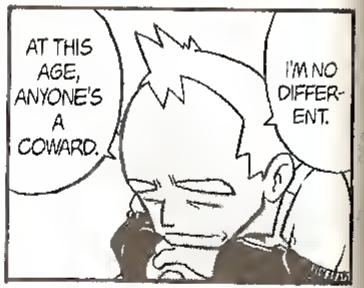

AAAH!!
SLIDE
HEEELP!
THE FLOOR...!
OUCH
BANG
... IT'S MADE OF...
YAAH!
BANG
... ICE ...!!
GONG
SWAY
I MUST DO SOMETHING !!
MIL MIL, 'STOMP"!!
CRACK
BOMP
WHAT'S WITH THIS GYM...?

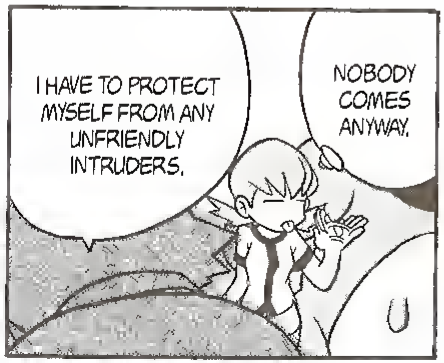

CREAK
...I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING...
KOG
SO, I HAVE GUESTS.
YOU MUST HAVE SLIPPED ON THE FLOOR...
IT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD ON YOU GUYS, FINDING THIS PLACE...
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT.


YOU'RE PRYCE, AREN'T YOU!?
WHITNEY, DON'T BE RUDE!
YOU MEAN THIS SMALL OLD MAN IS THE GYM LEADER HERE!?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!


I'M THE DIRECTOR OF POKÉMON ASSOCIATION! MY APOLOGIES FOR INTRUDING OUT OF THE BLUE!
SLIDE
IT IS MY HONOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE...

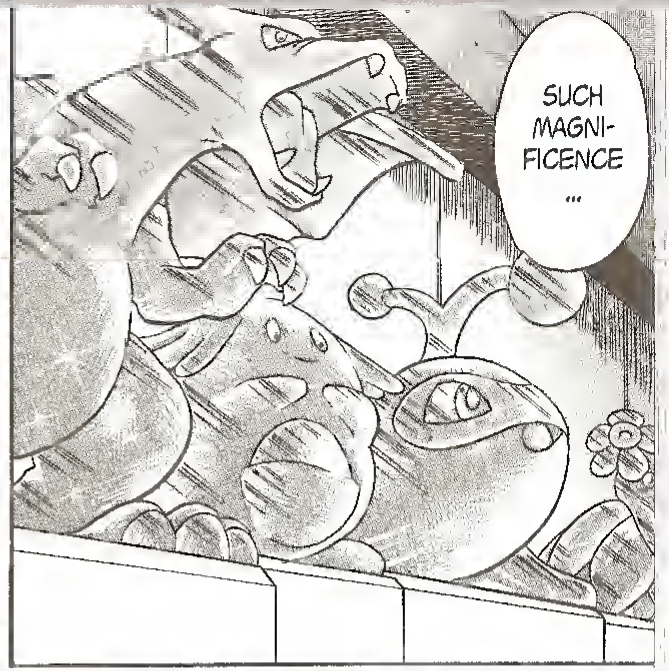

UM, PRYCE, THIS BATTLE GYM...?
OH, THIS...

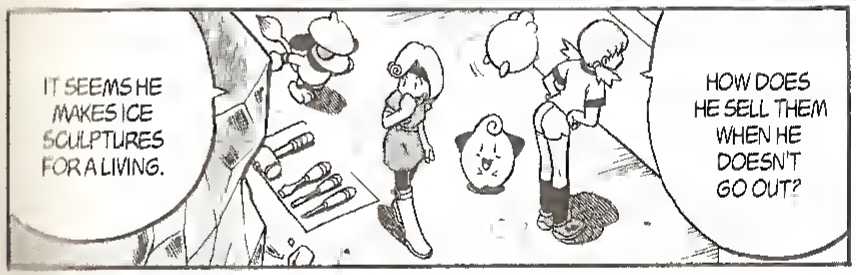

AT THIS AGE, ANYONE'S A COWARD.
I'M NO DIFFERENT.

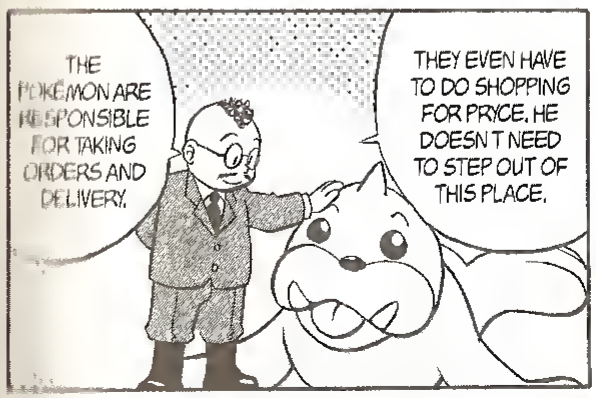

I HAVE TO PROTECT MYSELF FROM ANY UNFRIENDLY INTRUDERS.
NOBODY COMES ANYWAY.

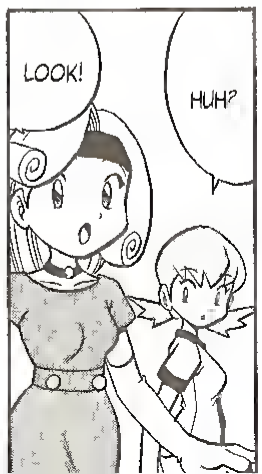
PLEASE COME IN.
WHEEL
LET'S TALK OVER A CUP OF TEA.
KOG
KOG KOG

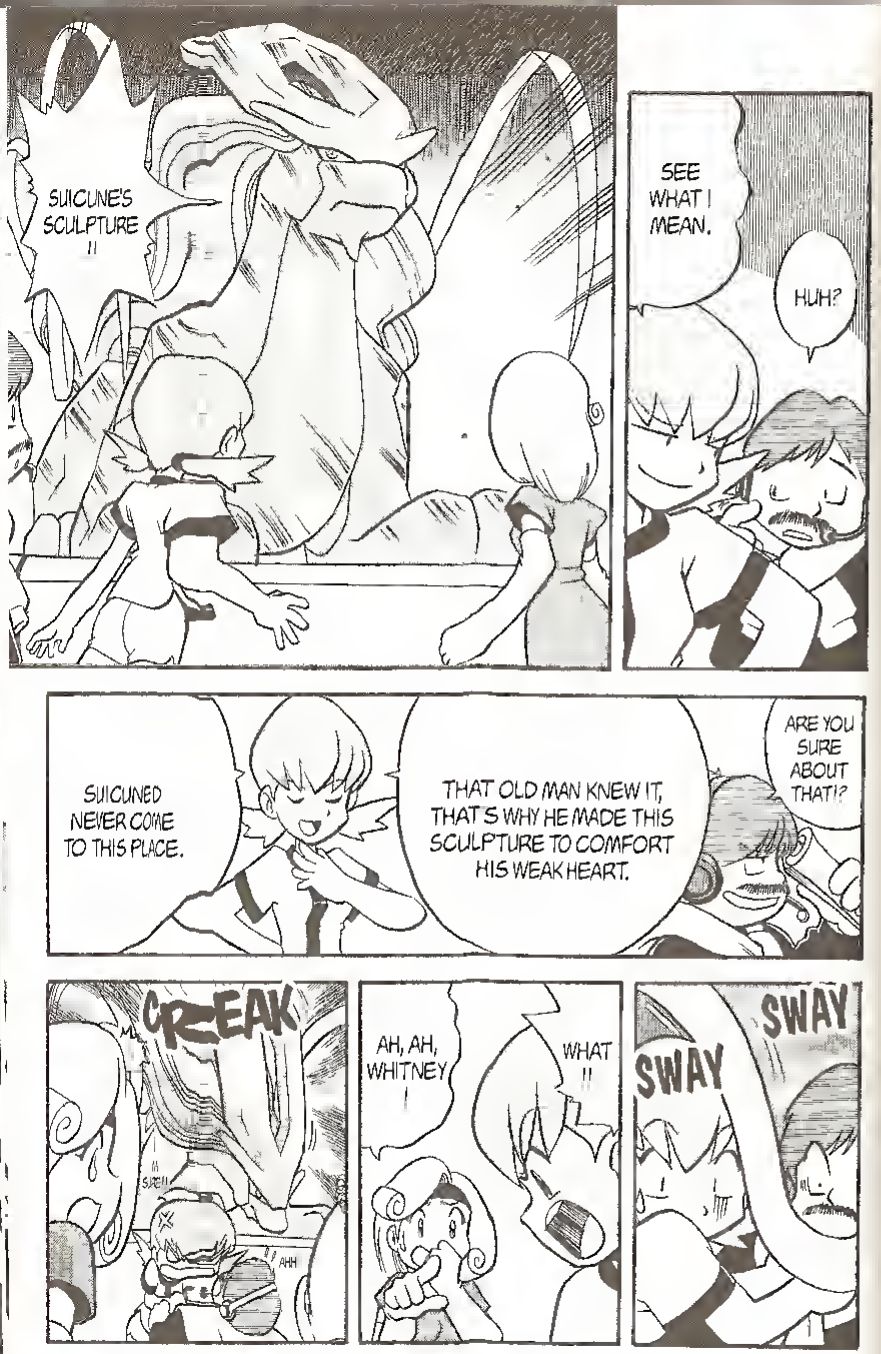
OH!
WOW!!

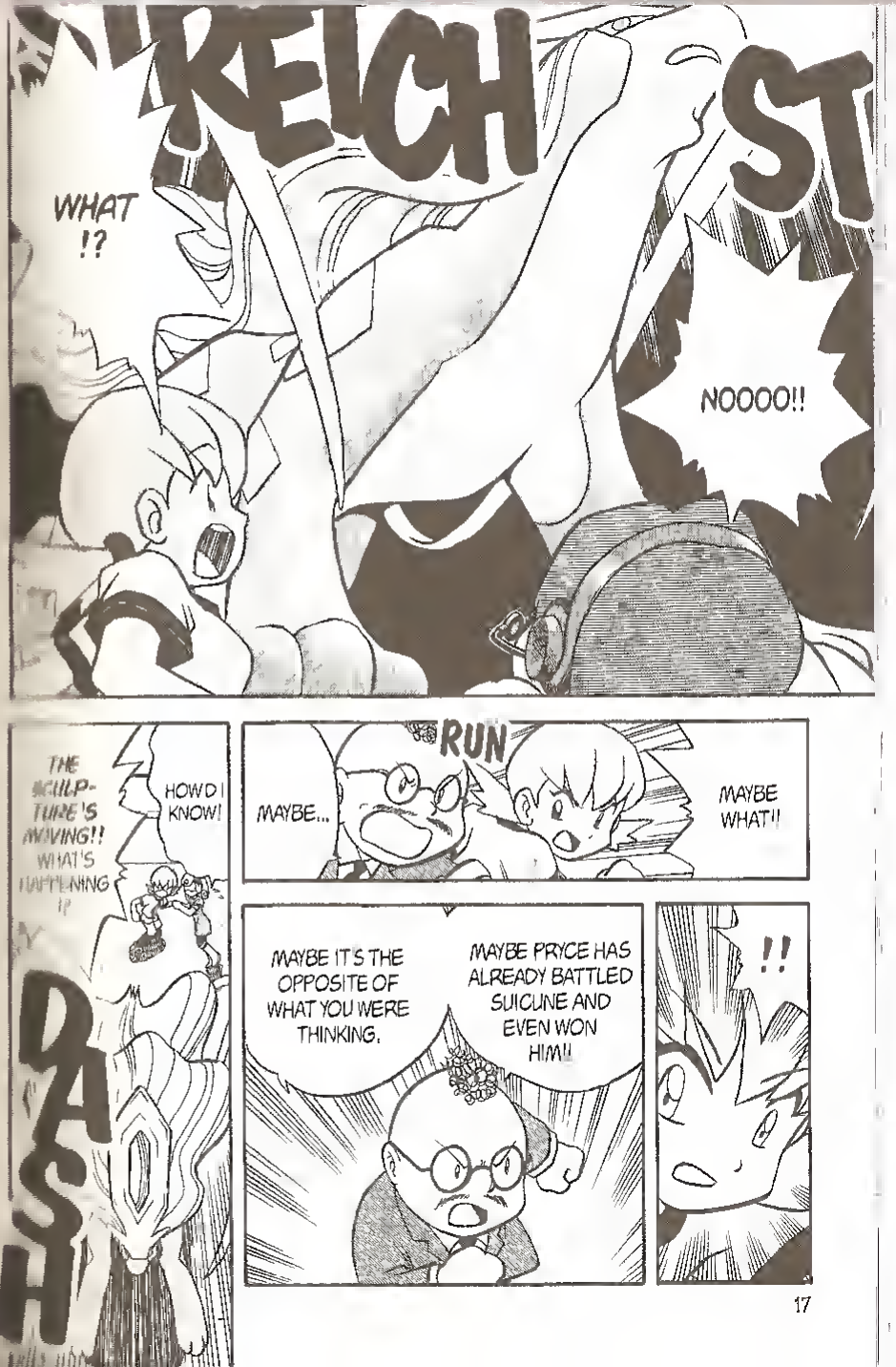

SUCH MAGNI-FICENCE ...


IT SEEMS HE MAKES ICE SCULPTURES FOR A LIVING.
HOW DOES HE SELL THEM WHEN HE DOESN'T GO OUT?

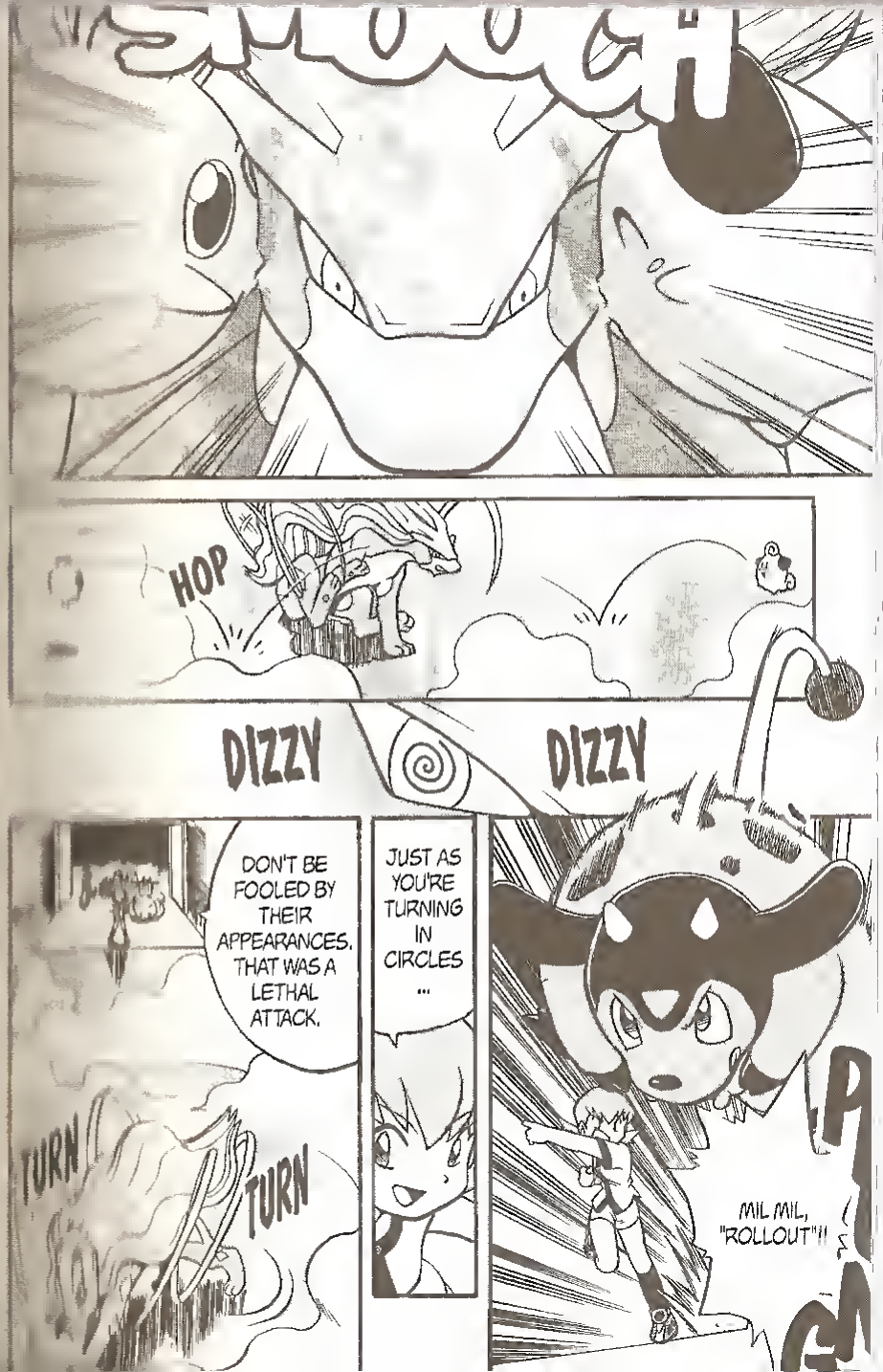

THE POKÉMON ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING ORDERS AND DELIVERY.
THEY EVEN HAVE TO DO SHOPPING FOR PRYCE. HE DOESN'T NEED TO STEP OUT OF THIS PLACE.

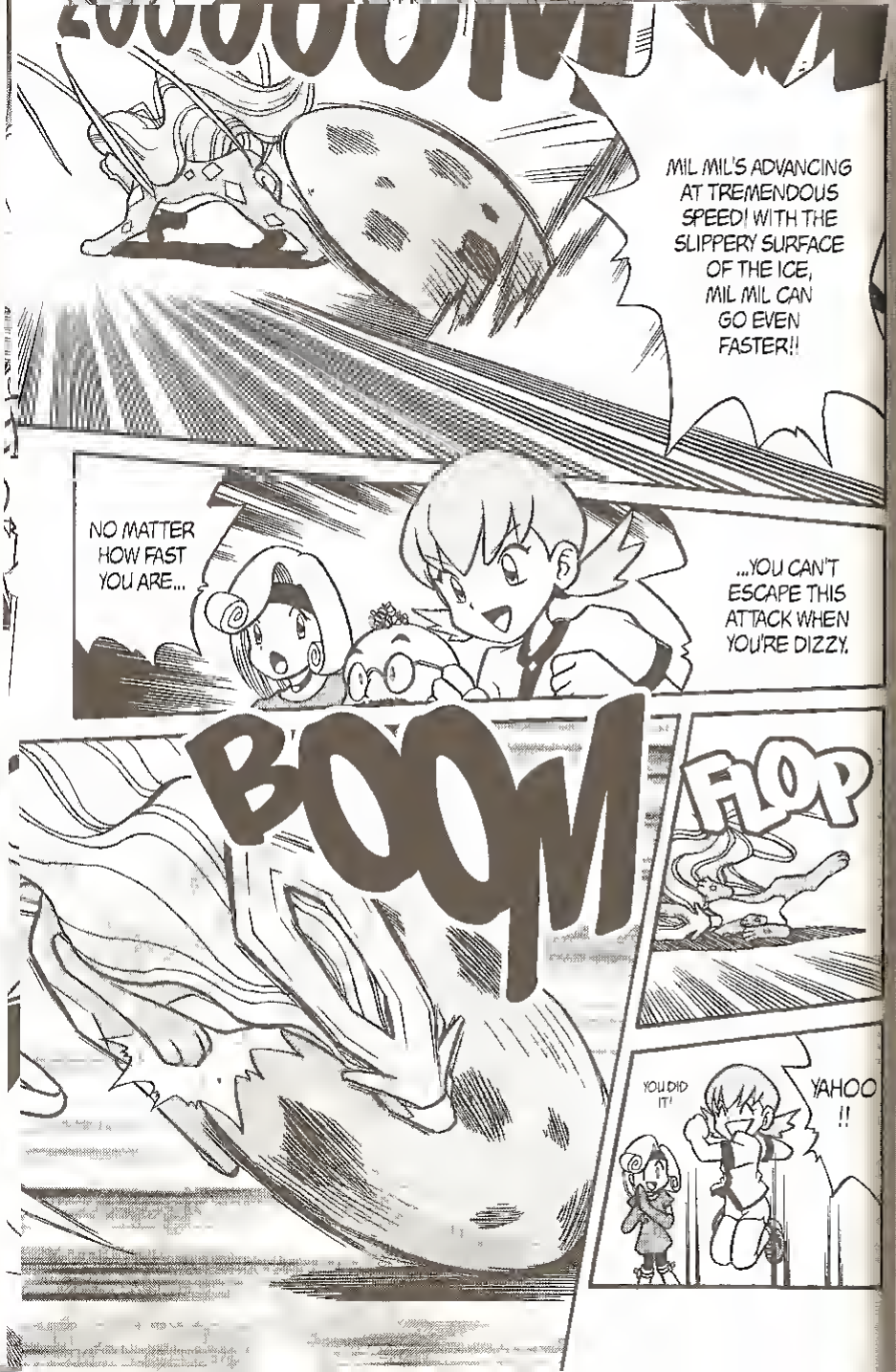

LOOK!
HUH?


SUICUNE'S SCULPTURE !!
SEE WHAT I MEAN.
HUH?
SUICUNED NEVER COME TO THIS PLACE.
THAT OLD MAN KNEW IT, THAT'S WHY HE MADE THIS SCULPTURE TO COMFORT HIS WEAK HEART.
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT!?
CREAK
AH, AH, WHITNEY
WHAT !!
SWAY
SWAY

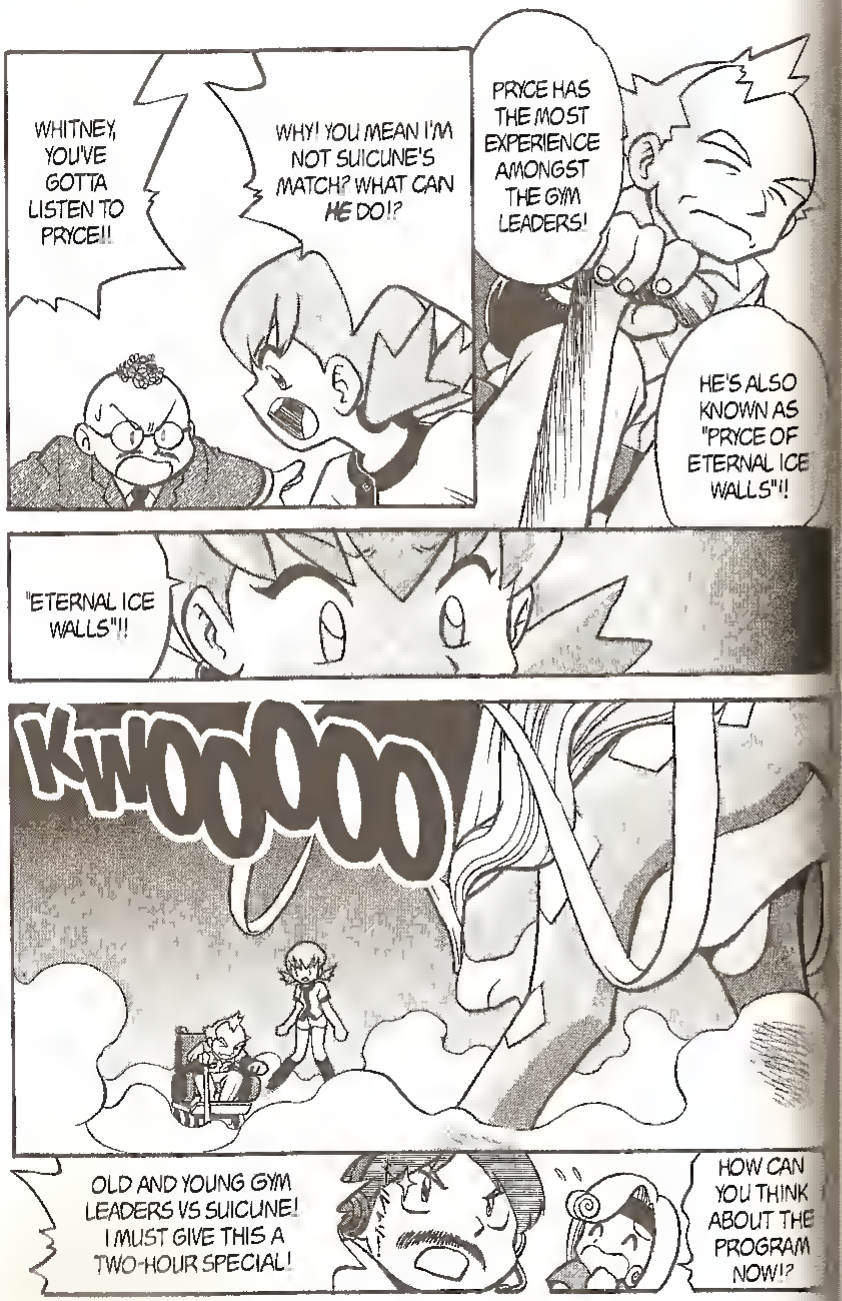

REICH
ST
WHAT !?
NOOOO!!
THE SCULPTURE'S MOVING!! WHAT'S HAPPENING !?
HOW DO I KNOW!
DASH
MAYBE...
RUN
MAYBE WHAT!!
MAYBE IT'S THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT YOU WERE THINKING.
MAYBE PRYCE HAS ALREADY BATTLED SUICUNE AND EVEN WON HIM!!
!!

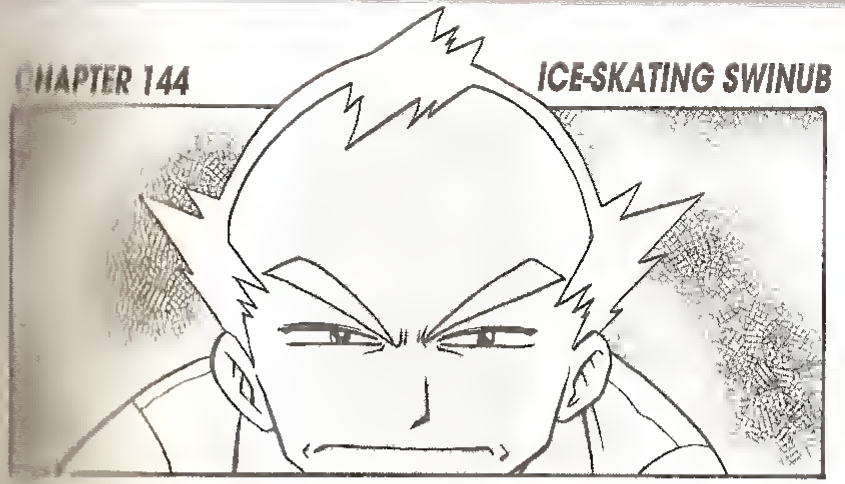
DASH
YEA!
DO MEAN SUICUNE WAS FROZEN BY THAT OLD MAN AND IS MELTING THE ICE NOW?
I SEE. IN THAT CASE THEY NEED A BETTER TRAINER TO CAPTURE HIM!
STOP
COME ON!!
SUICUNE, I SHALL BE YOUR LAST CHALENGE!!
GO, FAFA! BUFF BUFF!!
WOOSH
DOUBLE ATTACK!
"SWEET KISS"!!

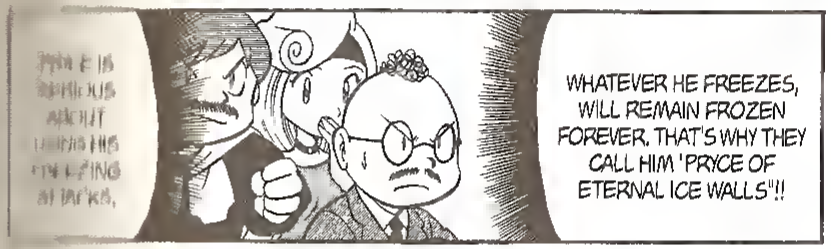

HOP
DIZZY
DIZZY
DON'T BE FOOLED BY THEIR APPEARANCES. THAT WAS A LETHAL ATTACK.
JUST AS YOU'RE TURNING IN CIRCLES ...
TURN
TURN
MIL MIL, "ROLLOUT"!!


MIL MIL'S ADVANCING AT TREMENDOUS SPEED! WITH THE SLIPPERY SURFACE OF THE ICE, MIL MIL CAN GO EVEN FASTER!!
NO MATTER HOW FAST YOU ARE...
...YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THIS ATTACK WHEN YOU'RE DIZZY.
BOOM
FLOP
YOU DID IT!
YAHOO !!

I THOUGHT OF THIS ATTACK WHEN WE SLIPPED JUST NOW!!
NOW THE UNDEFEATED SUICUNE HAS LOST TO MIL MIL'S SPEED!!
HAHA, AND TO THINK I WAS WORRIED THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DEFEAT SUICUNE.
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
LOOK, I WON!!
SHOCK
IM... IMPOSSI-BLE!!


WHITNEY, YOU'VE GOTTA LISTEN TO PRYCE!!
WHY! YOU MEAN I'M NOT SUICUNE'S MATCH? WHAT CAN HE DO!?
PRYCE HAS THE MOST EXPERIENCE AMONGST THE GYM LEADERS!
HE'S ALSO KNOWN AS "PRYCE OF ETERNAL ICE WALLS"!!
"ETERNAL ICE WALLS"!!
KWOOOOO
OLD AND YOUNG GYM LEADERS VS SUICUNE! I MUST GIVE THIS A TWO-HOUR SPECIAL!
HOW CAN YOU THINK ABOUT THE PROGRAM NOW!?




WHATEVER HE FREEZES, WILL REMAIN FROZEN FOREVER. THAT'S WHY THEY CALL HIM 'PRYCE OF ETERNAL ICE WALLS"!!

CLOSE IN
STARE
KANG
KONG
KONG

KONG
KANG
KANG
KANG

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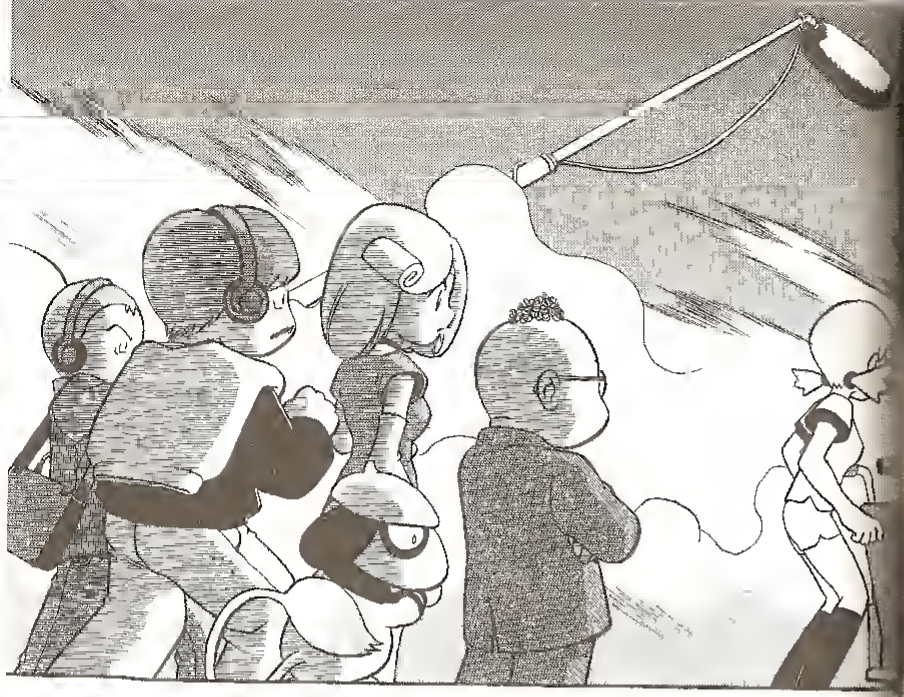
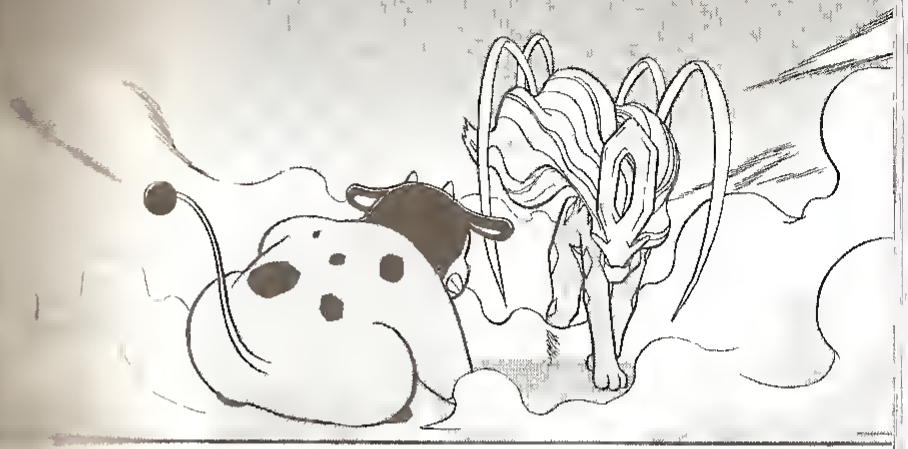
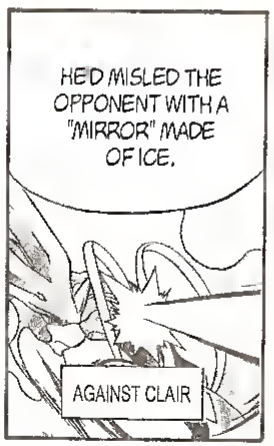
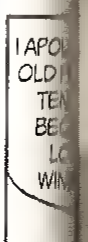
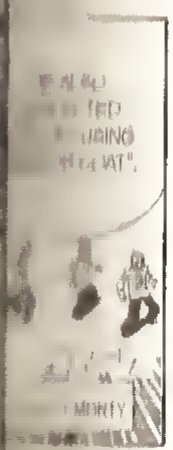
ICE-SKATING SWINUB

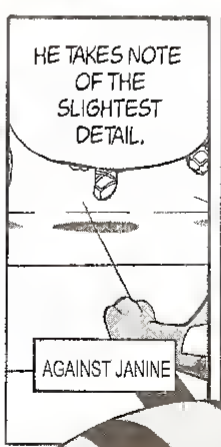


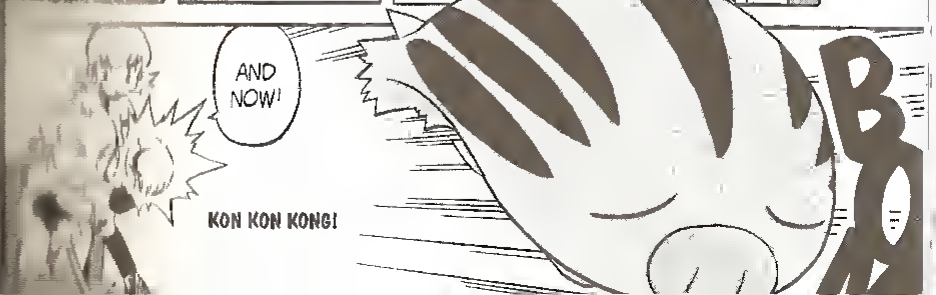


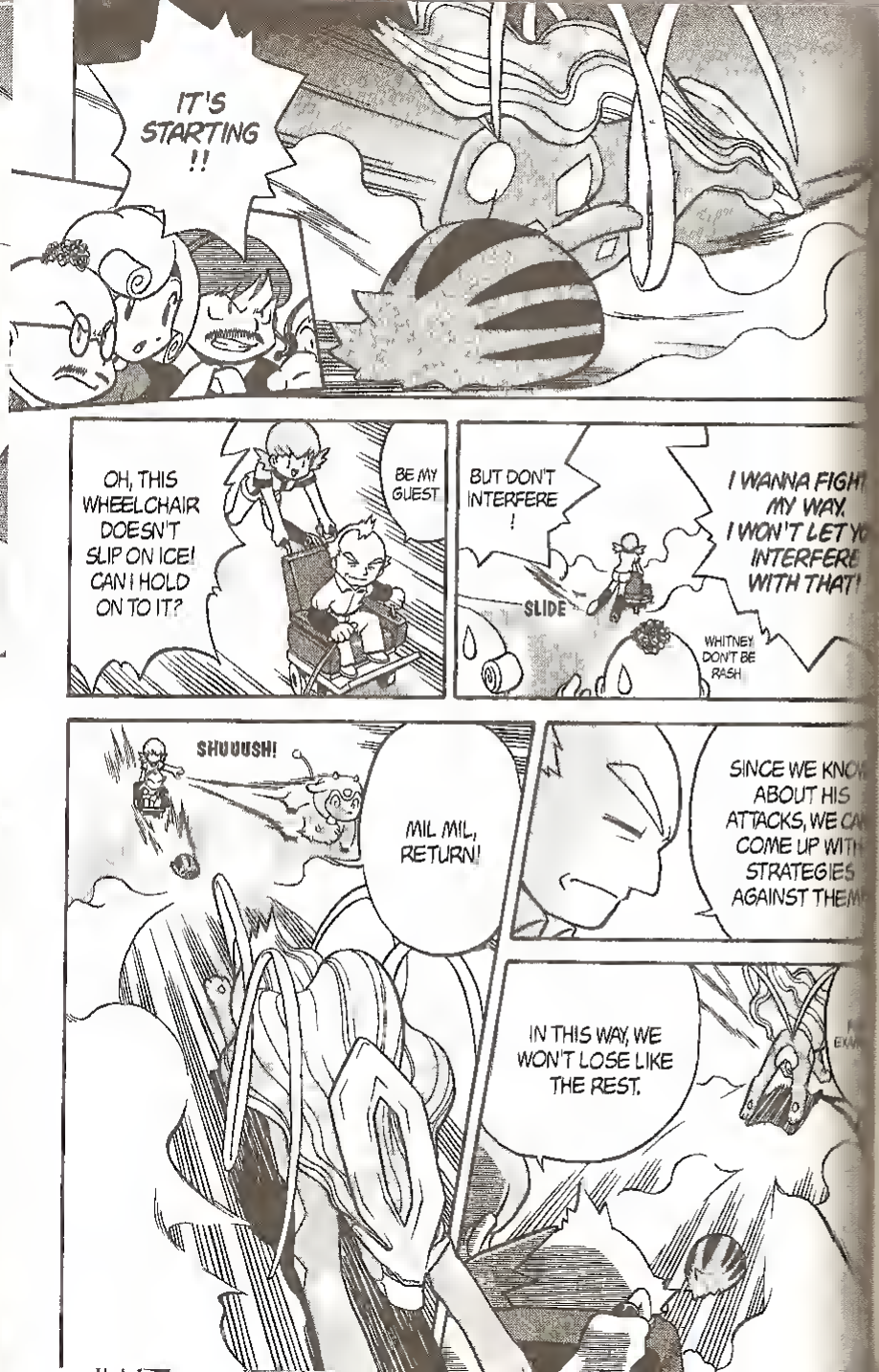


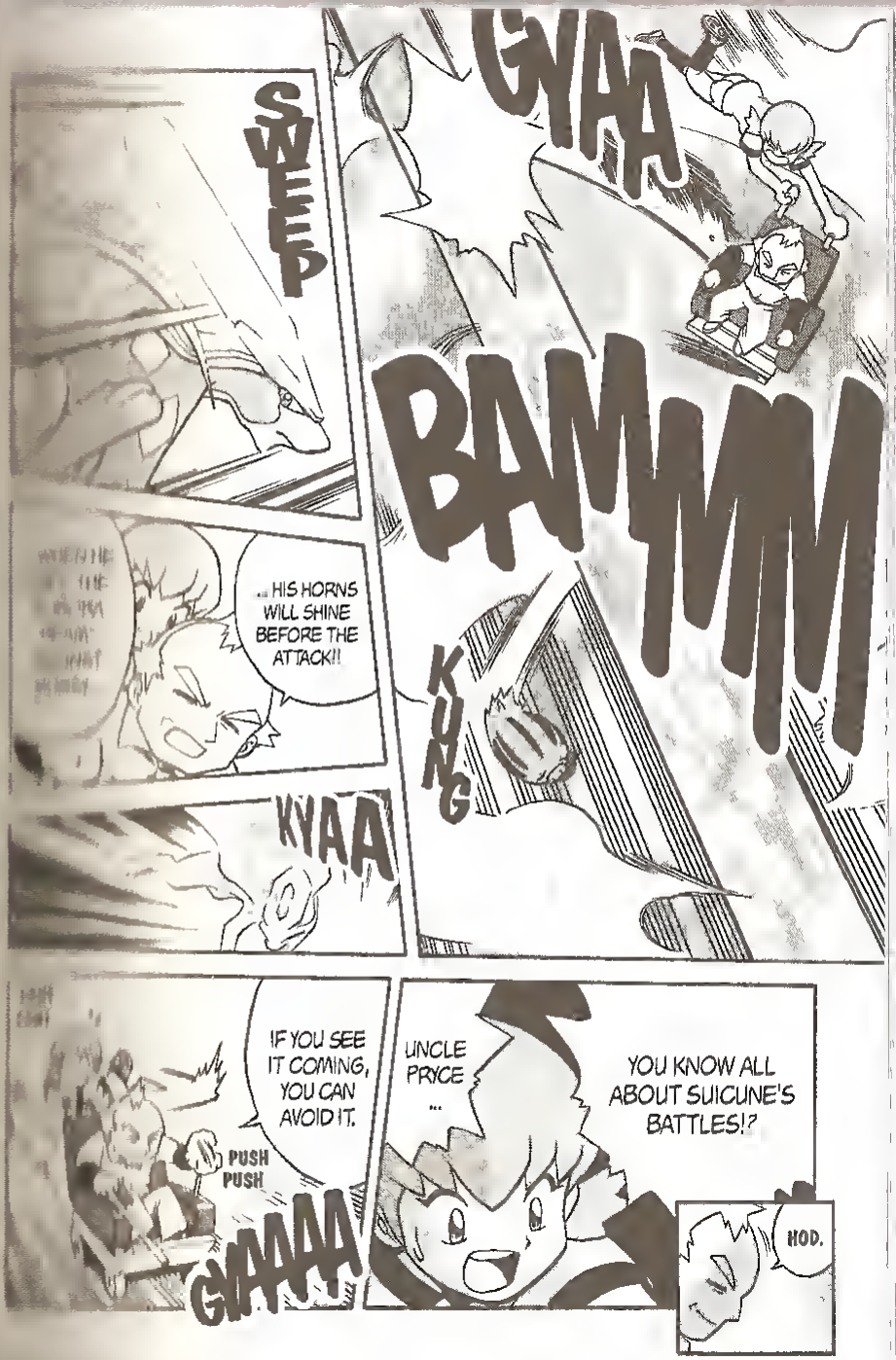


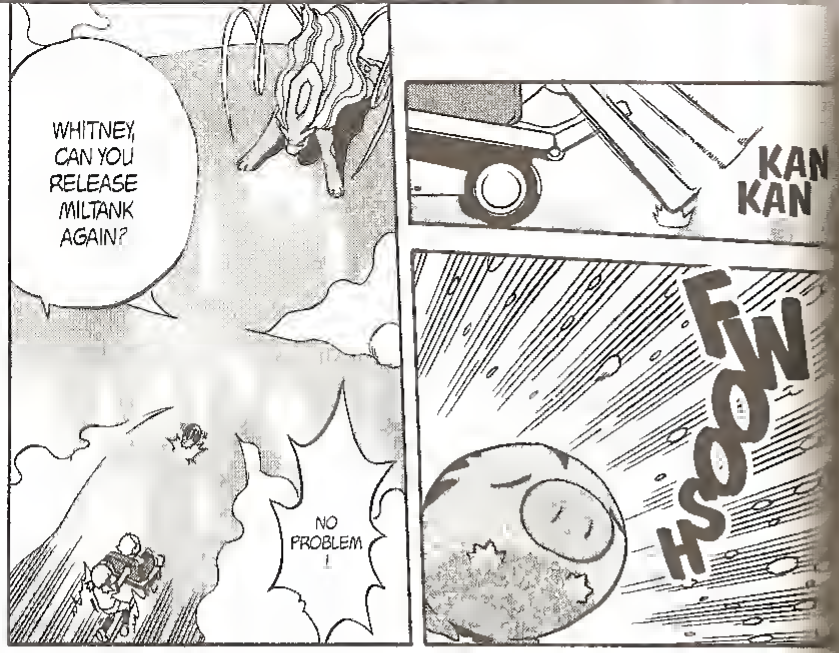


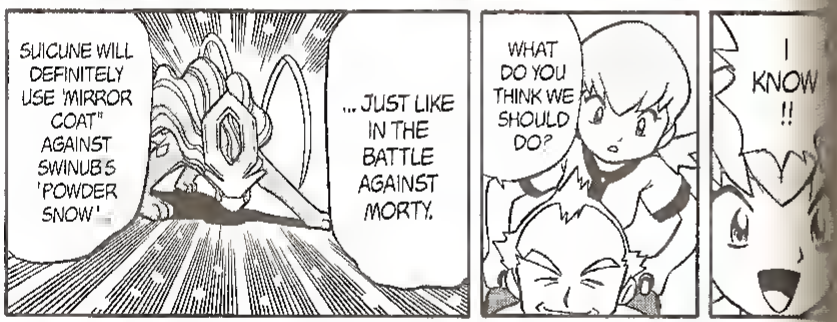


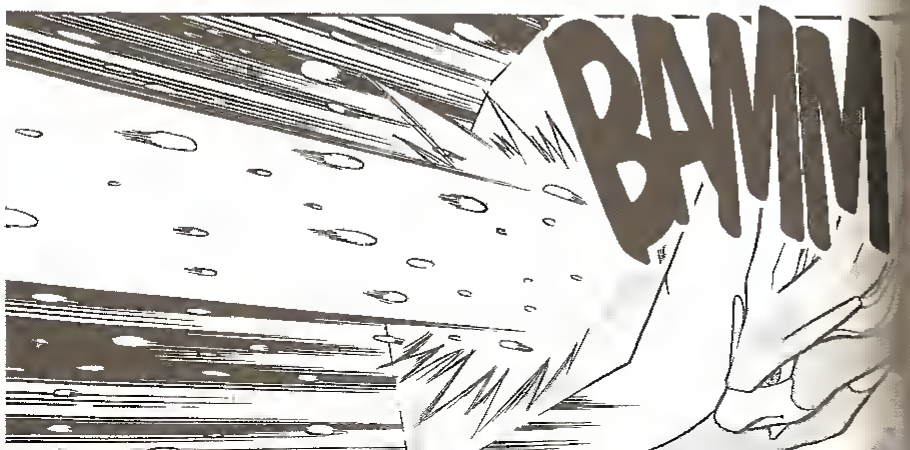


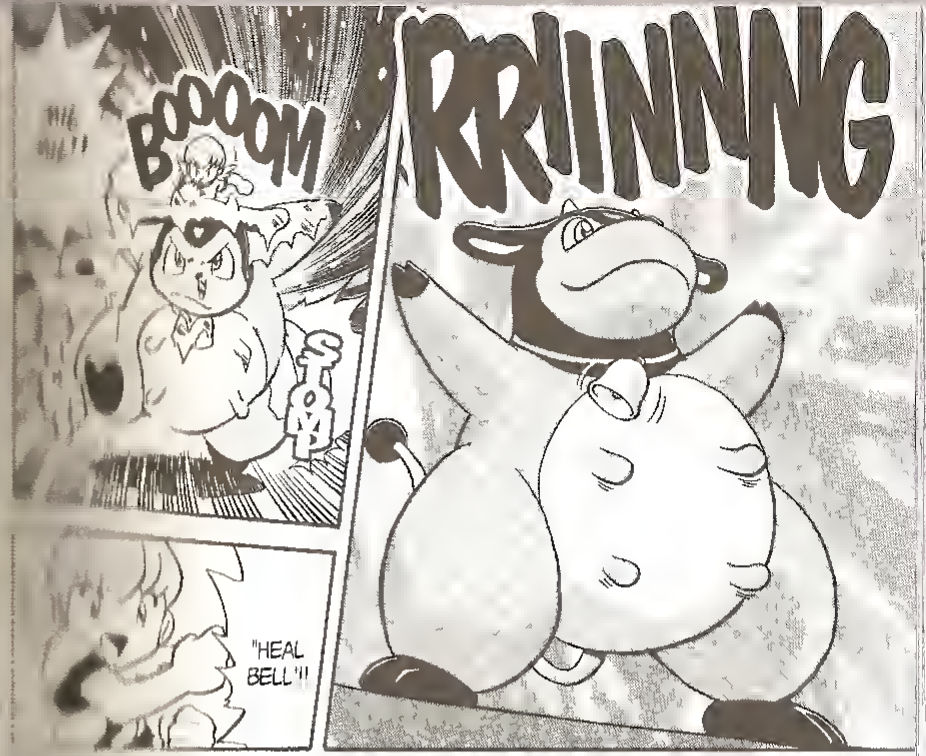

IT'S STARTING !!
OH, THIS WHEELCHAIR DOESN'T SLIP ON ICE! CAN I HOLD ON TO IT?
BE MY GUEST
BUT DON'T INTERFERE !
SLIDE
I WANNA FIGHT MY WAY. I WON'T LET YOU INTERFERE WITH THAT!
WHITNEY, DON'T BE RASH
SHUUUSH!
MIL MIL, RETURN!
SINCE WE KNOW ABOUT HIS ATTACKS, WE CAN COME UP WITH STRATEGIES AGAINST THEM
IN THIS WAY, WE WON'T LOSE LIKE THE REST.

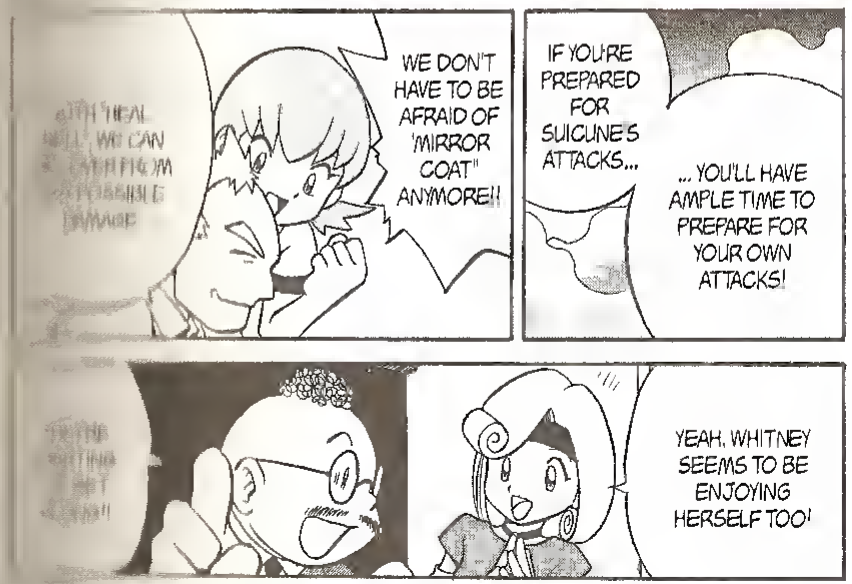

SWEEP
GYAA
BAMMM
KNG
...HIS HORNS WILL SHINE BEFORE THE ATTACK!!
KYAA
IF YOU SEE IT COMING, YOU CAN AVOID IT.
PUSH PUSH
GYAAAA
UNCLE PRYCE ...
YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT SUICUNE'S BATTLES!?
NOD.

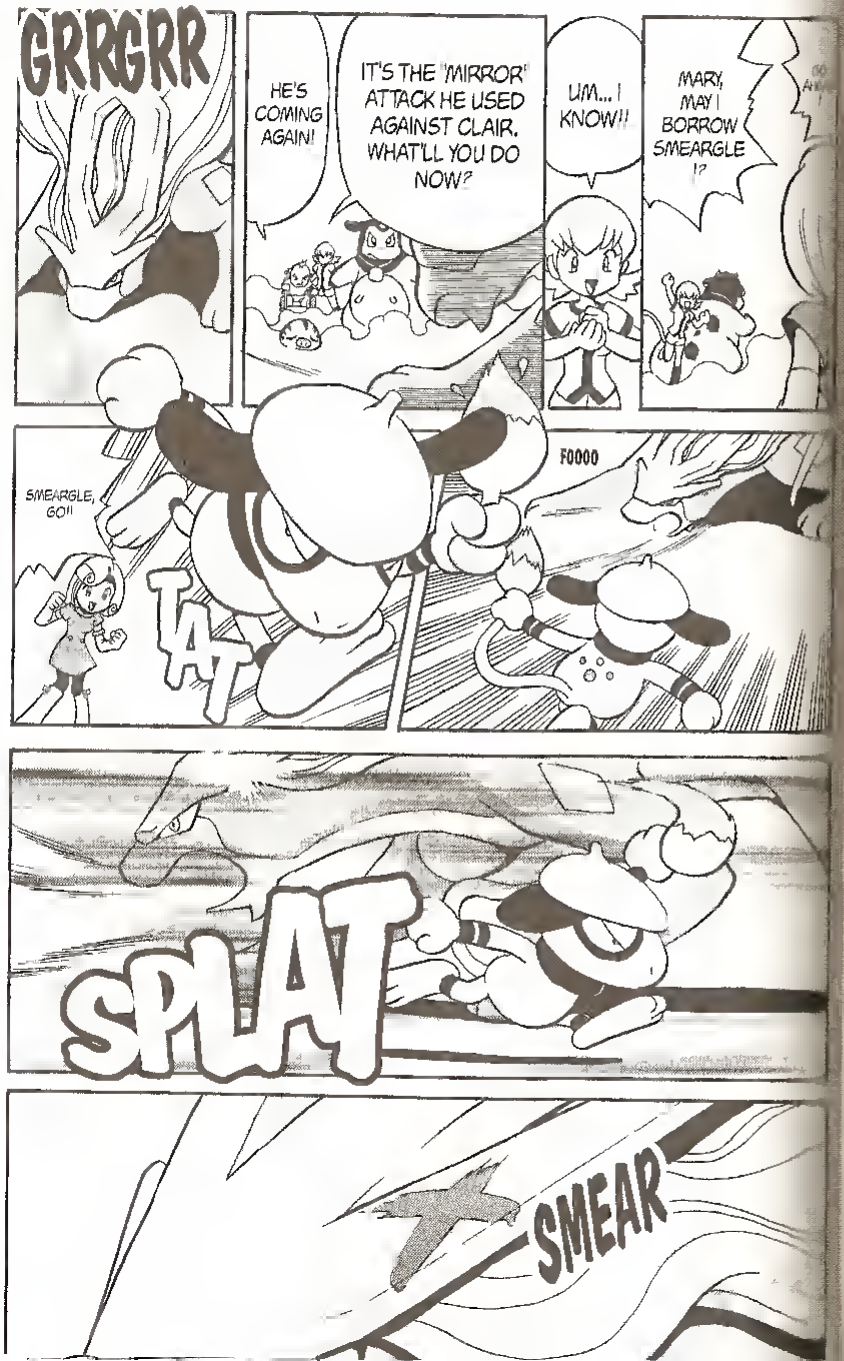

WHITNEY, CAN YOU RELEASE MILTANK AGAIN?
NO PROBLEM !
KAN KAN
FIW HSOOW

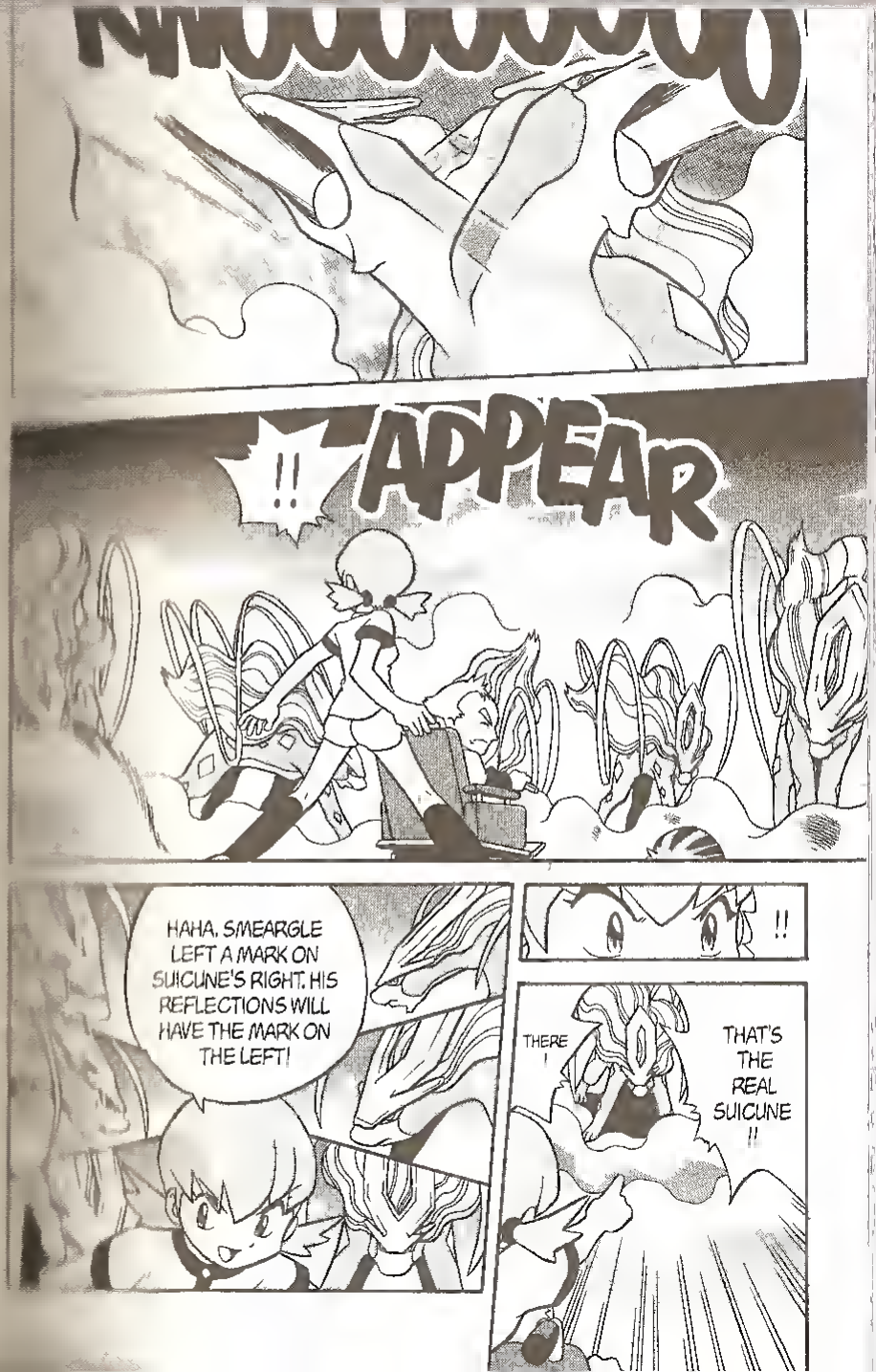

SUICUNE WILL DEFINITELY USE 'MIRROR COAT" AGAINST SWINUB'S 'POWDER SNOW'!
... JUST LIKE IN THE BATTLE AGAINST MORTY.
WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?
I KNOW !!


BAMM


BOOOOM
STOMP
RRRINNNG
"HEAL BELL"!!


WE DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF 'MIRROR COAT" ANYMORE!!
IF YOU'RE PREPARED FOR SUICUNE'S ATTACKS...
... YOU'LL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO PREPARE FOR YOUR OWN ATTACKS!
YEAH, WHITNEY SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING HERSELF TOO!


GRRGRR
HE'S COMING AGAIN!
IT'S THE 'MIRROR' ATTACK HE USED AGAINST CLAIR. WHAT'LL YOU DO NOW?
UM... I KNOW!!
MARY, MAY I BORROW SMEARGLE !?
SMEARGLE, GO!!
TAT
FOOOO
SPLAT
SMEAR

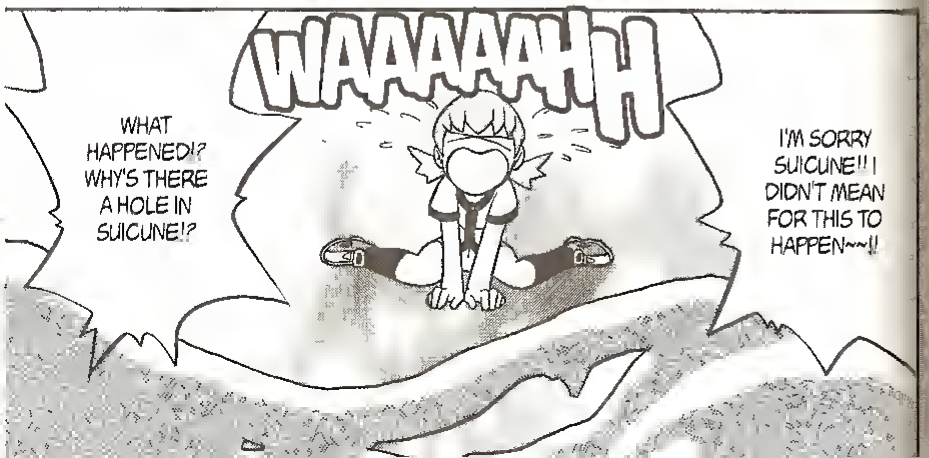

!! APPEAR
HAHA, SMEARGLE LEFT A MARK ON SUICUNE'S RIGHT. HIS REFLECTIONS WILL HAVE THE MARK ON THE LEFT!
!!
THERE !
THAT'S THE REAL SUICUNE !!

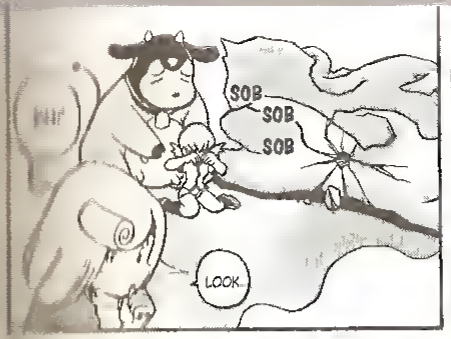
AN
WHOOSH
SUCK
FREEZE
FREEZE
FREEZE
GLITTER
GLITTER
WHAT A POWERFUL "BLIZZARD" !!
SUICUNE'S FROZEN WITHIN SECONDS!!
NOW YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT HE CAN'T USE "GUST" AND "BUBBLEBEAM".
YEP! HE CAN'T ESCAPE NOW!

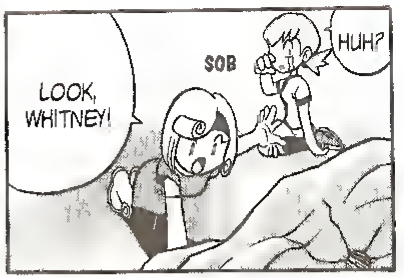
"DYNAMICA-PUNCH"!!
STILL
WHITNEY, YOU'RE GREAT!!
PLONK
AND NOW THE CAPTURE.
AIM
HEH.

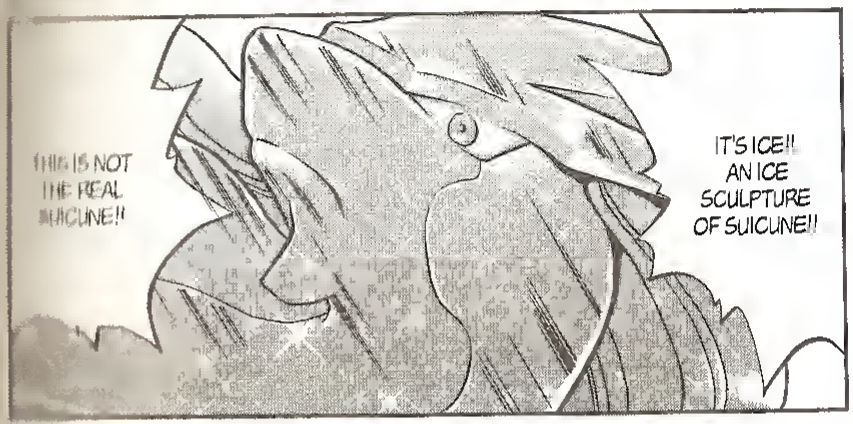
CRACK

NO WAAAAY !!


WAAAAAAHH
WHAT HAPPENED!? WHY'S THERE A HOLE IN SUICUNE!?
I'M SORRY SUICUNE!! I DIDN'T MEAN FOR THIS TO HAPPEN~~!!


SOB
SOB
SOB
LOOK

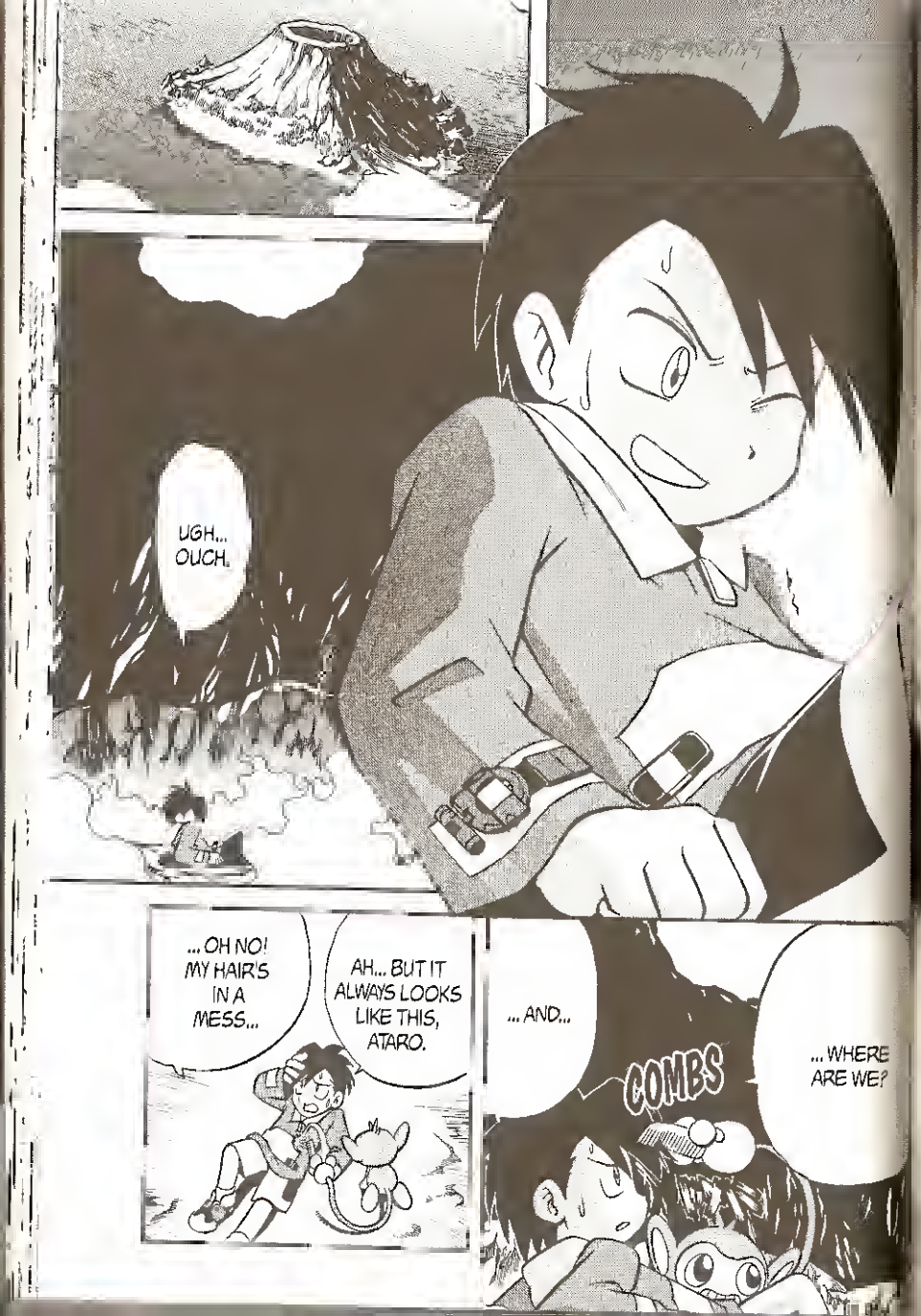

LOOK, WHITNEY!
SOB
HUH?


THIS IS NOT THE REAL SUICUNE!!
IT'S ICE!! AN ICE SCULPTURE OF SUICUNE!!

WHAT !?
BUT IT WAS BATTLING AGAINST WHITNEY AND PRYCE JUST MOMENTS AGO!!

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN ...
...WHAT JUST HAPPENED

AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS SUICUNE IS REALLY AN ICE SCULPTURE.
HE'S ONE OF THE MOBILE ICE SCULPTURES THAT I USE FOR TRAINING.



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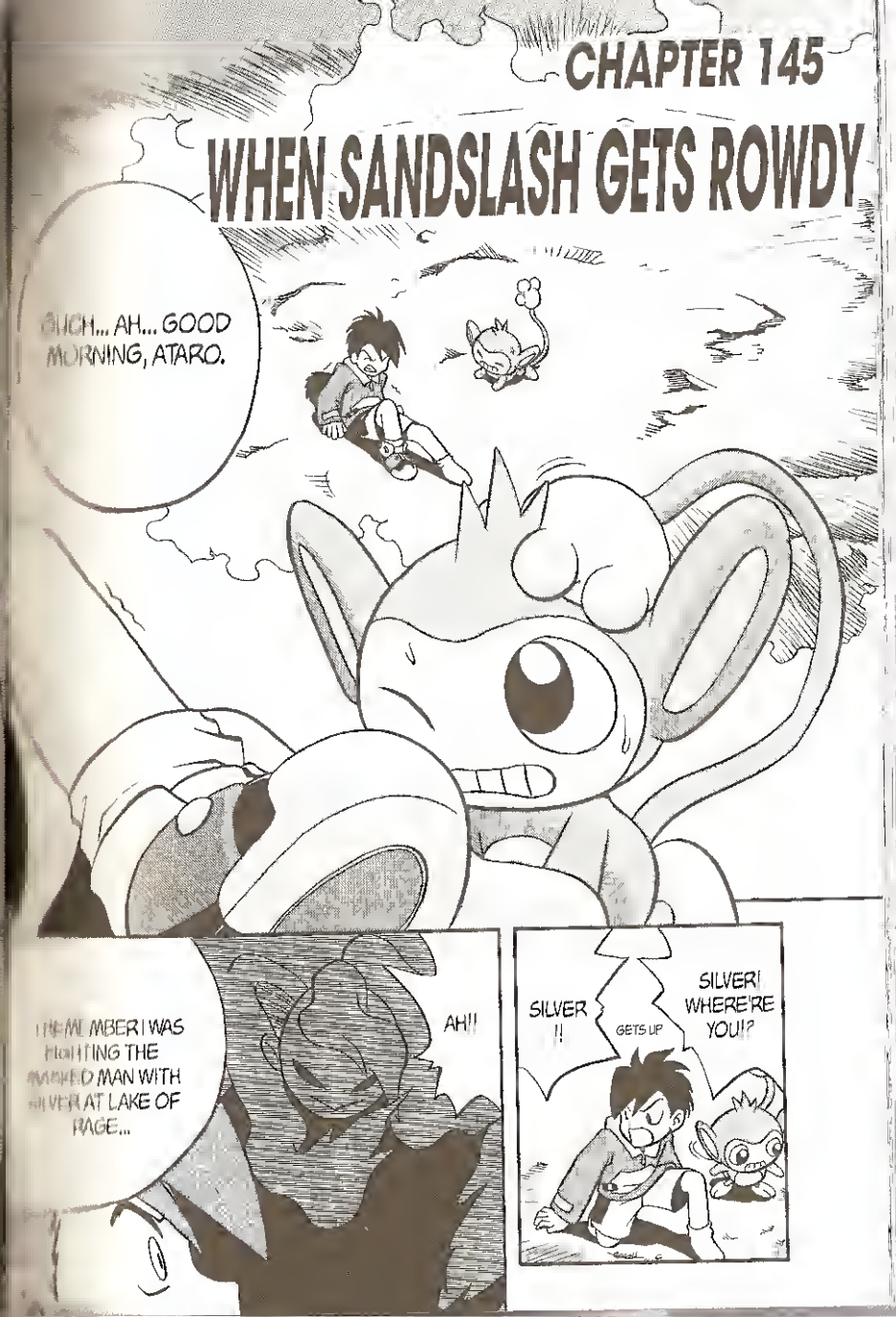
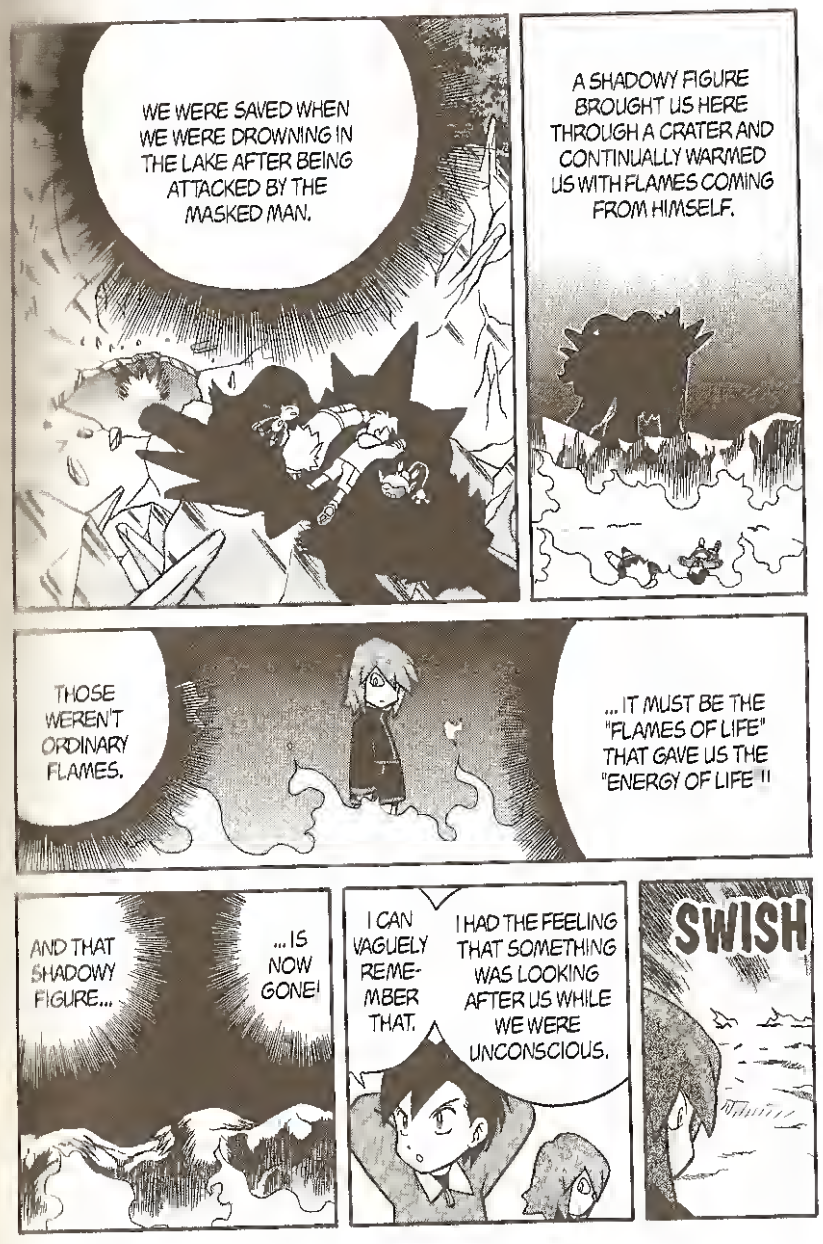
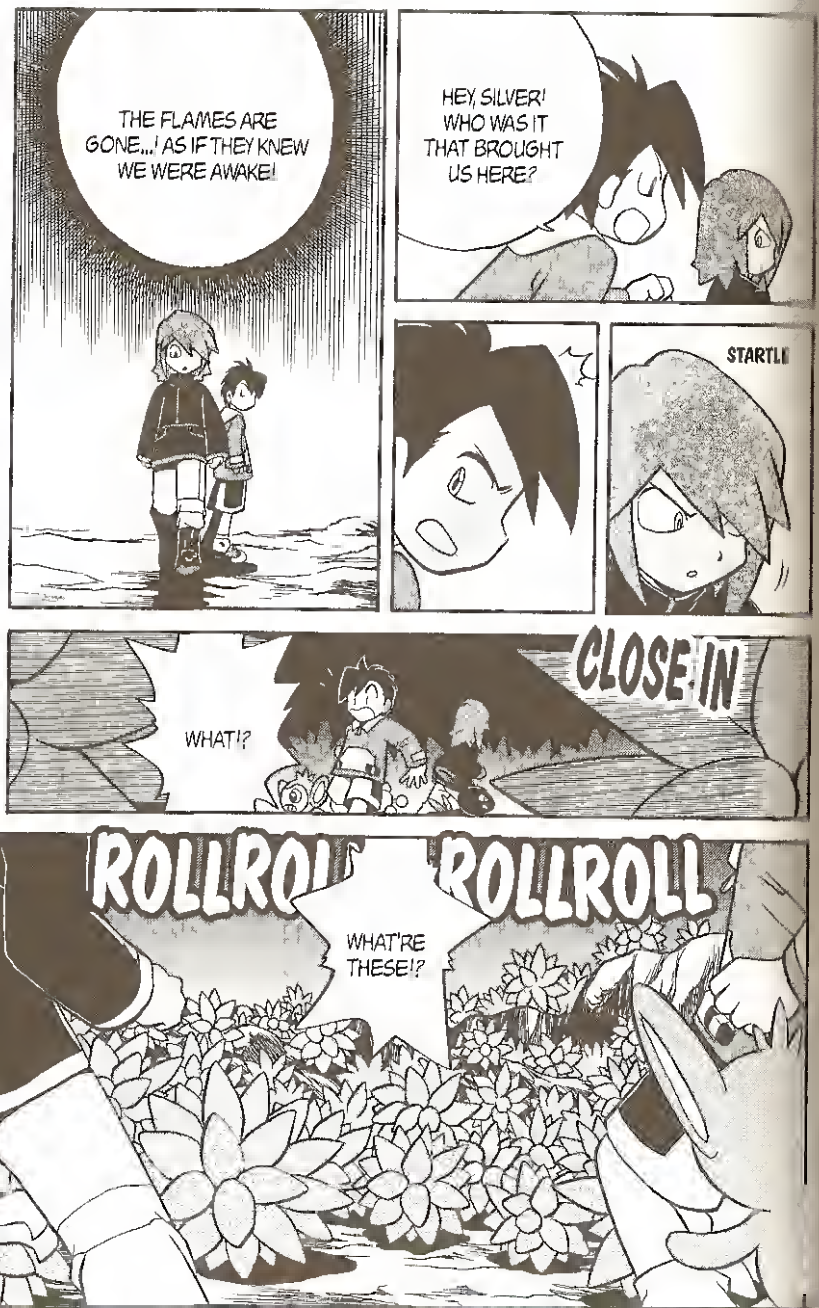
WHEN SANDSLASH GETS ROWDY


OUCH... AH... GOOD MORNING, ATARO.
I REMEMBER I WAS FIGHTING THE MASKED MAN WITH SILVER AT LAKE OF RAGE...
AH!!
SILVER!!
GETS UP
SILVER! WHERE'RE YOU!?

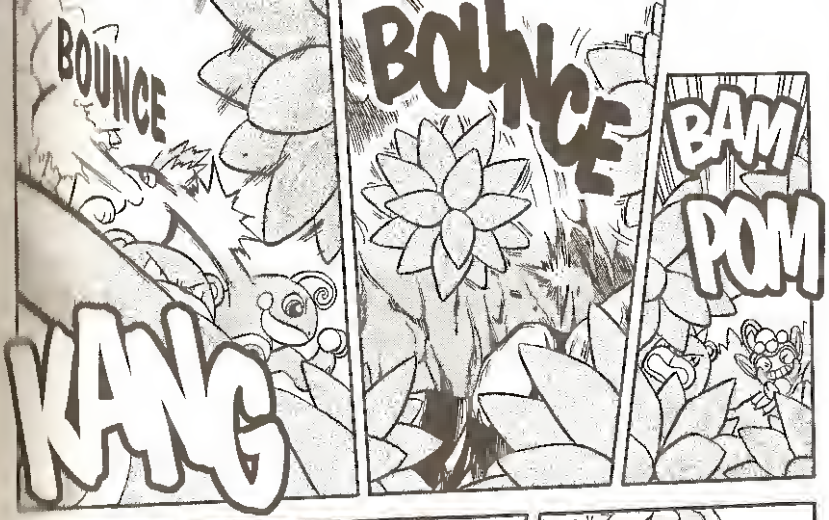
SILVER !!
I WOKE UP WAY BEFORE YOU.
PHEW, HE'S ALIVE...
AND AWAKE TOO.
I'D SUGGEST THAT YOU NOT MOVE AROUND RIGHT AFTER YOU WAKE UP. WE'RE STILL VERY WEAK.
TAT
IF WE WERE NOT SAVED AT THE LAKE, WE'D HAVE DIED THEN.
SAVED !?
BY WHO!?
AT THAT TIME ...

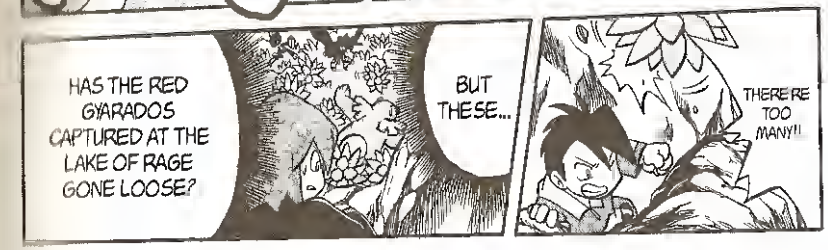

WE WERE SAVED WHEN WE WERE DROWNING IN THE LAKE AFTER BEING ATTACKED BY THE MASKED MAN.
A SHADOWY FIGURE BROUGHT US HERE THROUGH A CRATER AND CONTINUALLY WARMED US WITH FLAMES COMING FROM HIMSELF.
THOSE WEREN'T ORDINARY FLAMES.
... IT MUST BE THE "FLAMES OF LIFE" THAT GAVE US THE "ENERGY OF LIFE !!
AND THAT SHADOWY FIGURE...
... IS NOW GONE!
I CAN VAGUELY REMEMBER THAT.
I HAD THE FEELING THAT SOMETHING WAS LOOKING AFTER US WHILE WE WERE UNCONSCIOUS.
SWISH

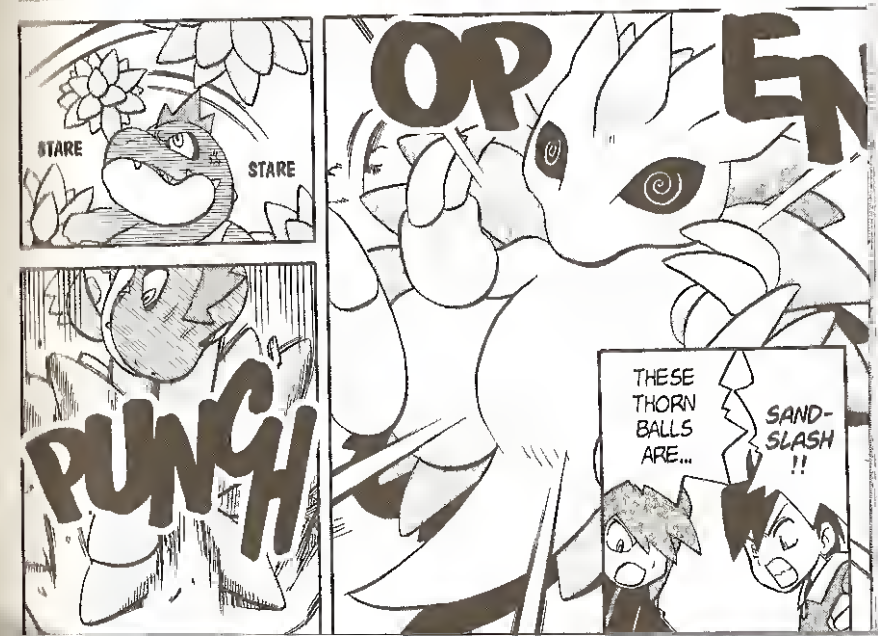

THE FLAMES ARE GONE...! AS IF THEY KNEW WE WERE AWAKE!
HEY, SILVER! WHO WAS IT THAT BROUGHT US HERE?
STARTLE
CLOSE IN
WHAT!?
ROLLROLL
ROLLROLL
WHAT'RE THESE!?

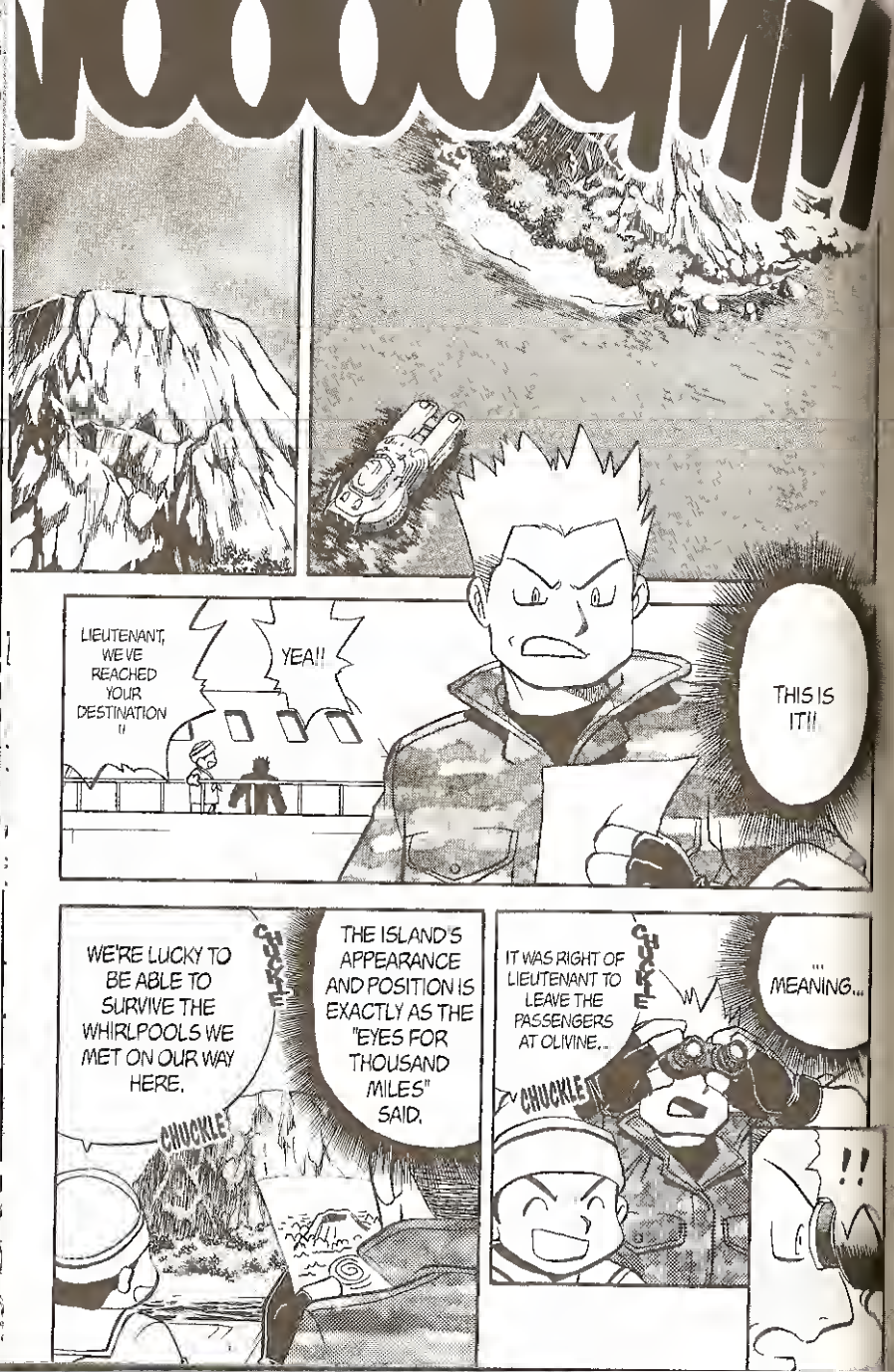
ROLLROLLROLLROLL
UGH!!
POKÉ-DEX!
OH NO! I LOST MY BAG AGAIN!!
ROLLROLLROLLROLL
AND ONE SHOE TOO!
I CAN'T RUN FASTER !
BUT THAT'S FINE !
ALL I NEED IS...
CHA
CLICK
THEM !!

GO!!
KYIIN
KYIIN
KYIIN
KYIIN

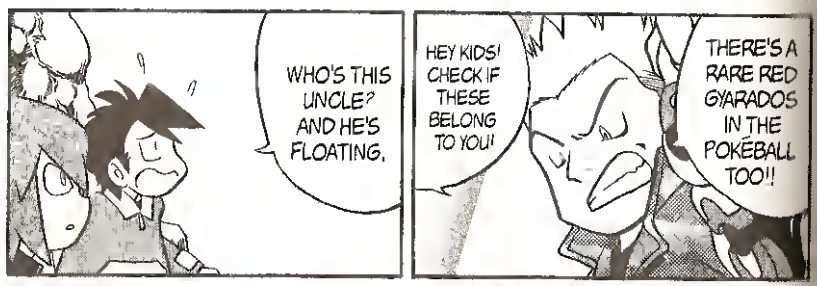

BOUNCE
KANG
BOUNCE
BAM
POM

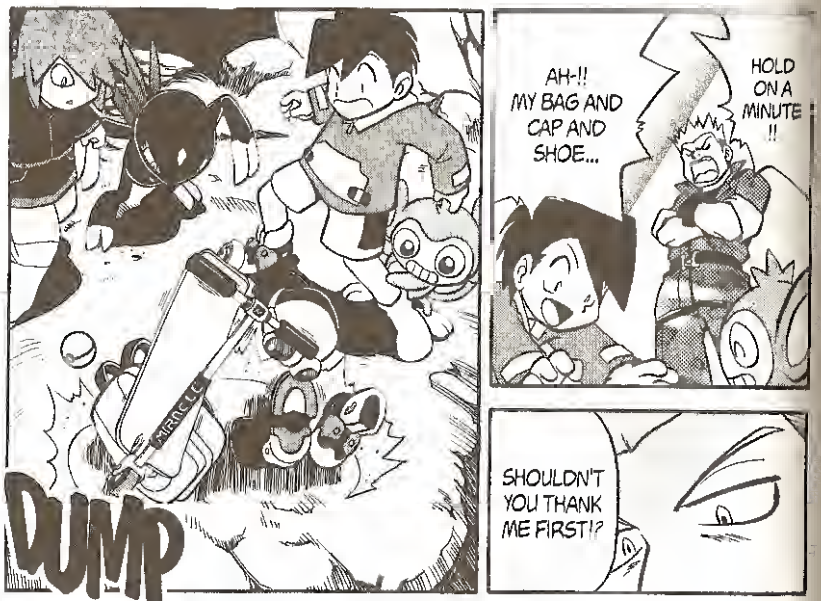

HAS THE RED GYARADOS CAPTURED AT THE LAKE OF RAGE GONE LOOSE?
BUT THESE...
THERE'RE TOO MANY!!

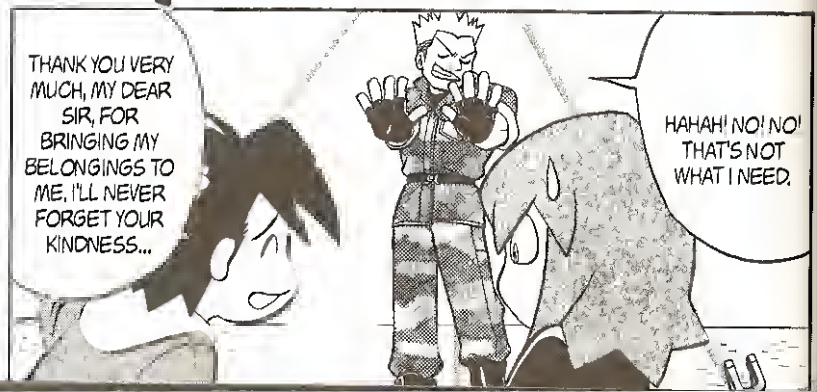

STARE
STARE
PUNCH
OP
EN
THESE THORN BALLS ARE...
SAND-SLASH !!

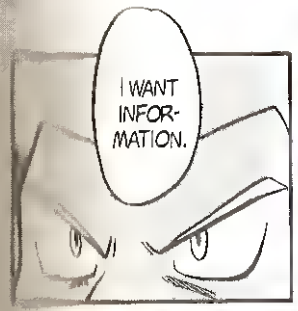

NOOOOOMM
LIEUTENANT, WE'VE REACHED YOUR DESTINATION !!
YEA!!
THIS IS IT!!
WE'RE LUCKY TO BE ABLE TO SURVIVE THE WHIRLPOOLS WE MET ON OUR WAY HERE.
CHUCKLE
THE ISLAND'S APPEARANCE AND POSITION IS EXACTLY AS THE "EYES FOR THOUSAND MILES" SAID.
CHUCKLE
IT WAS RIGHT OF LIEUTENANT TO LEAVE THE PASSENGERS AT OLIVINE...
CHUCKLE
... MEANING...
!!

UFF, UFF... WE FINALLY LOST THEM.
BUT THAT LOAD OF WILD SANDSLASH...
HEY!!
WHAT'S IT NOW!?

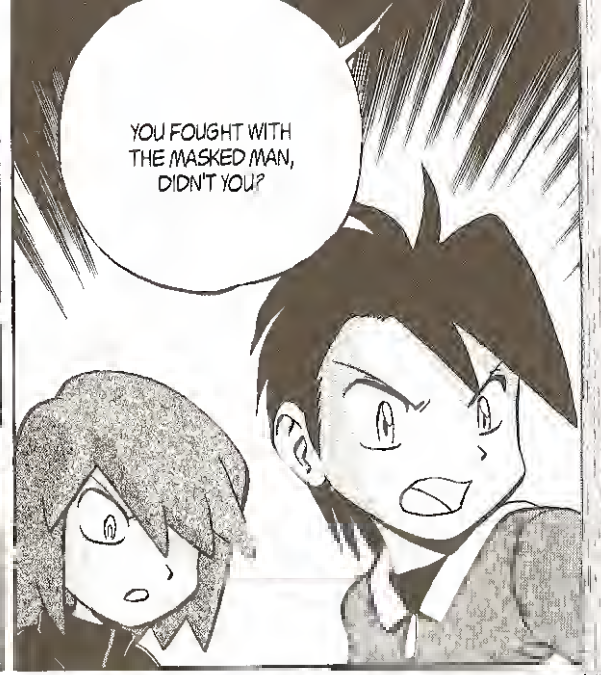

WHO'S THIS UNCLE? AND HE'S FLOATING.
HEY KIDS! CHECK IF THESE BELONG TO YOU!
THERE'S A RARE RED GYARADOS IN THE POKÉBALL TOO!!

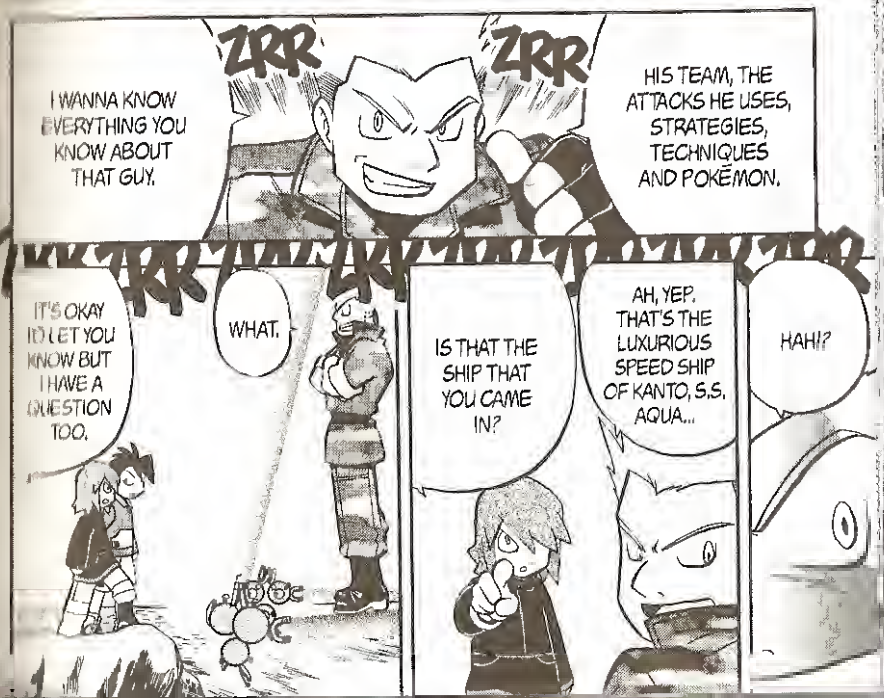

DUMP
AH-!! MY BAG AND CAP AND SHOE...
HOLD ON A MINUTE !!
SHOULDN'T YOU THANK ME FIRST!?


THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MY DEAR SIR, FOR BRINGING MY BELONGINGS TO ME. I'LL NEVER FORGET YOUR KINDNESS...
HAHAH! NO! NO! THAT'S NOT WHAT I NEED.

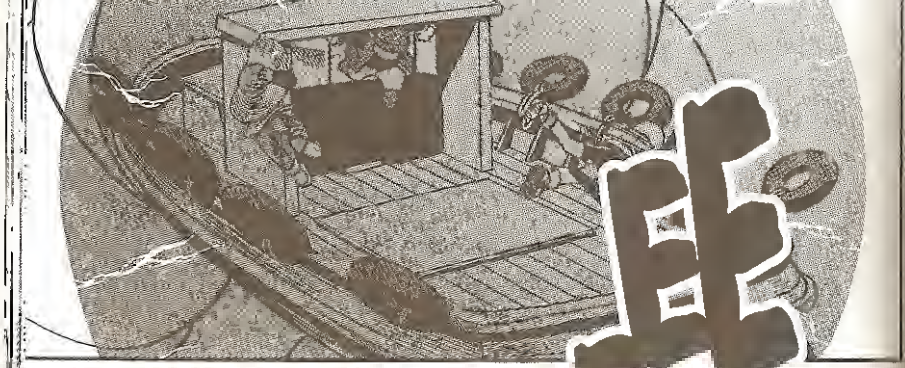

I WANT INFOR-MATION.

INFOR
YEAH.


YOU FOUGHT WITH THE MASKED MAN, DIDN'T YOU?


I WANNA KNOW EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT GUY.
ZRR
ZRR
HIS TEAM, THE ATTACKS HE USES, STRATEGIES, TECHNIQUES AND POKÉMON.
IT'S OKAY I'D LET YOU KNOW BUT I HAVE A QUESTION TOO.
WHAT.
IS THAT THE SHIP THAT YOU CAME IN?
AH, YEP. THAT'S THE LUXURIOUS SPEED SHIP OF KANTO, S.S. AQUA...
HAH!?

GROWLGROW
WHA-AT!?
AQUA IS FLOATING IN THE AIR!!
WHAT'S THAT!?
GROWLGROW
THERE'S NOT BEEN A MINUTE OF REST SINCE I WOKE UP!



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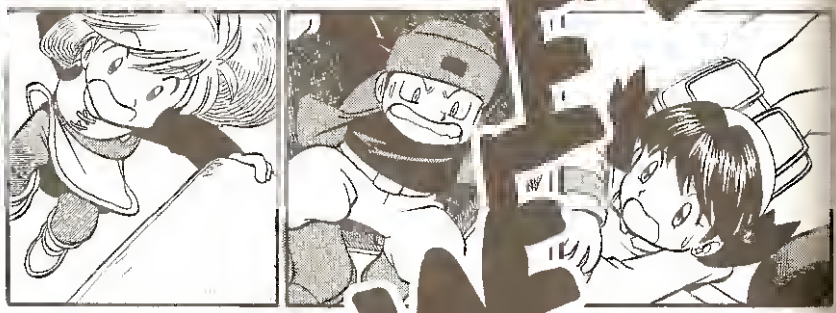

WE

GROWLGROWL

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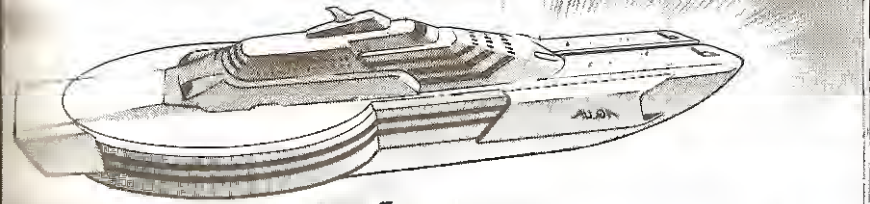
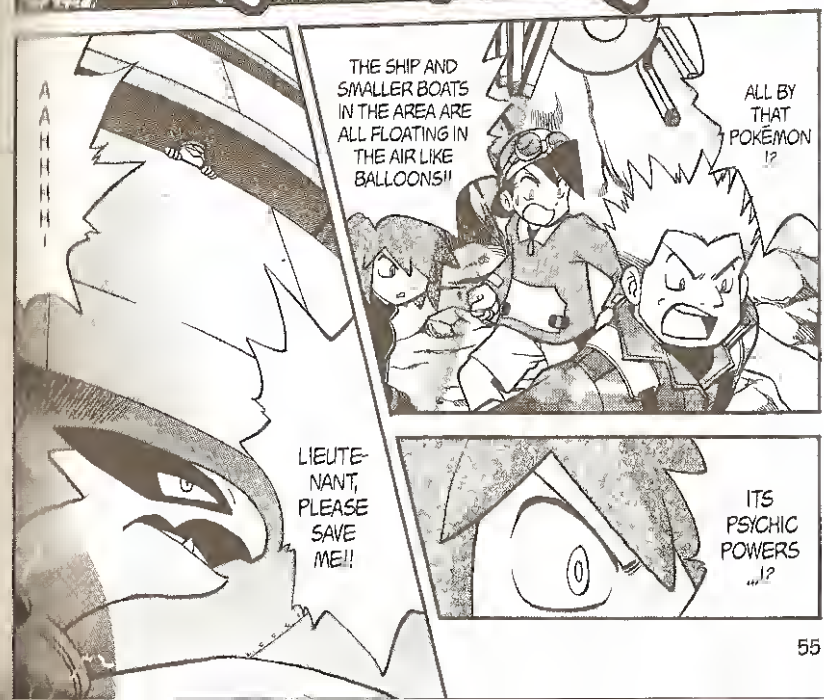
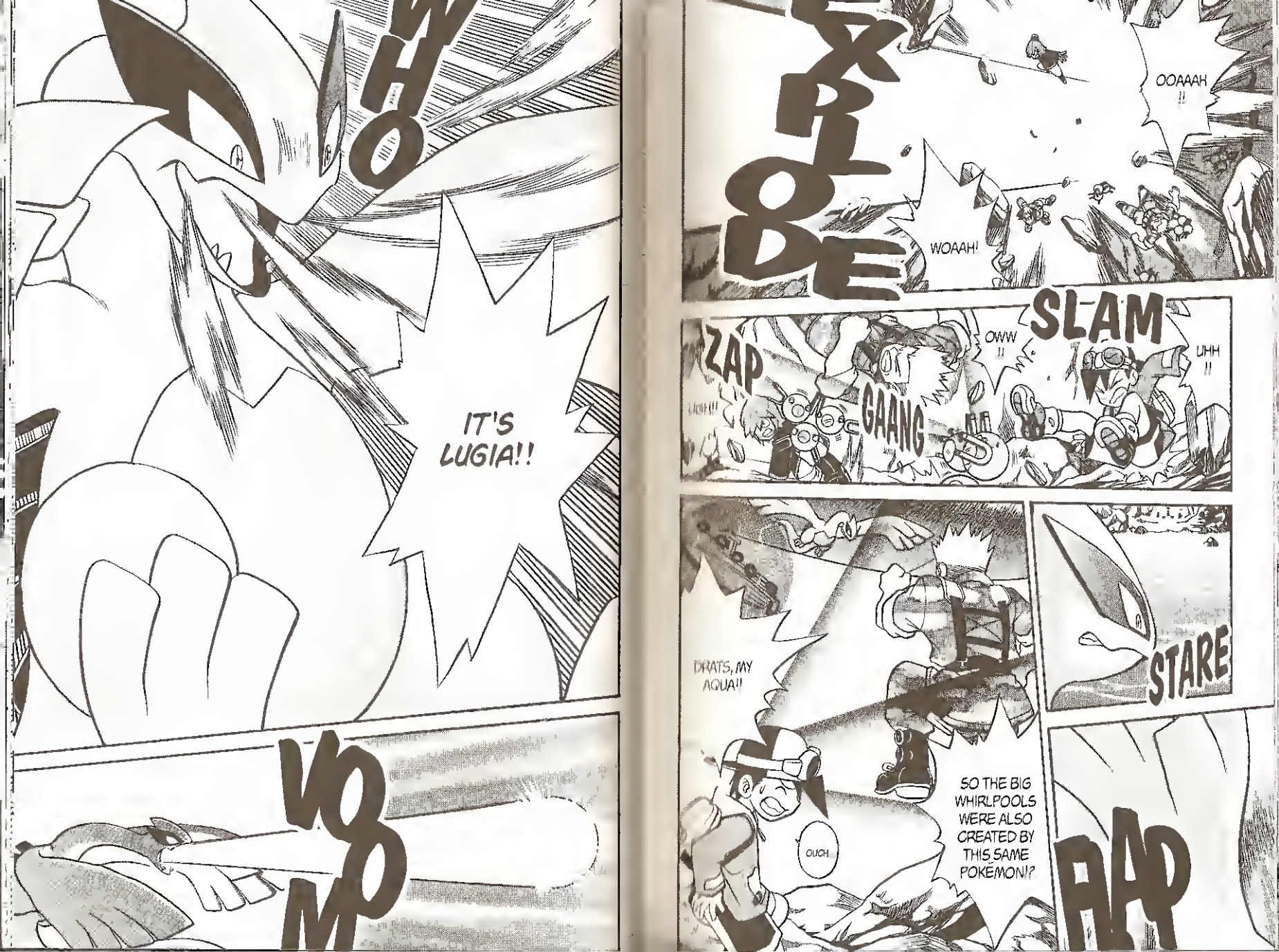
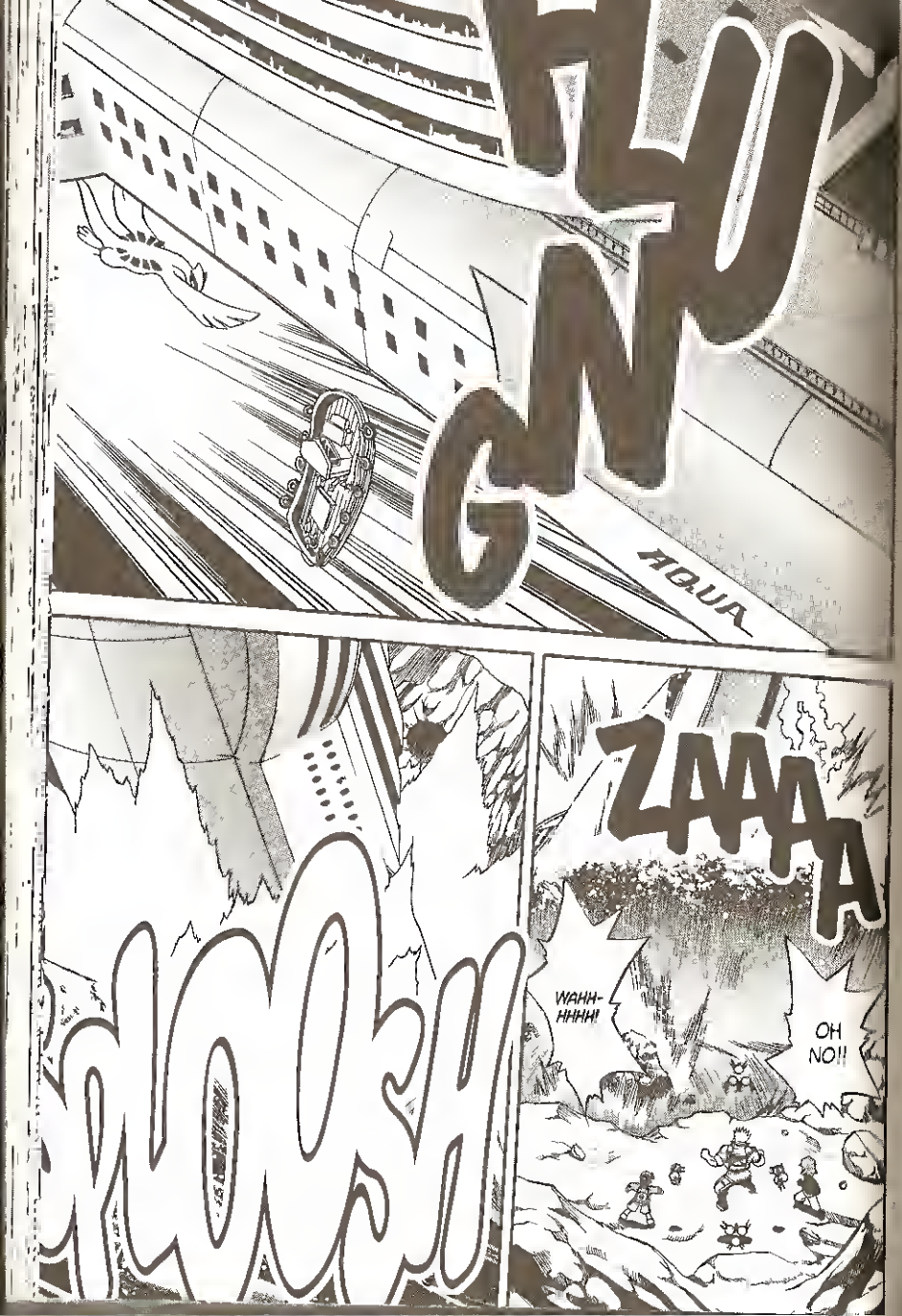
LUGIA (PART 1)

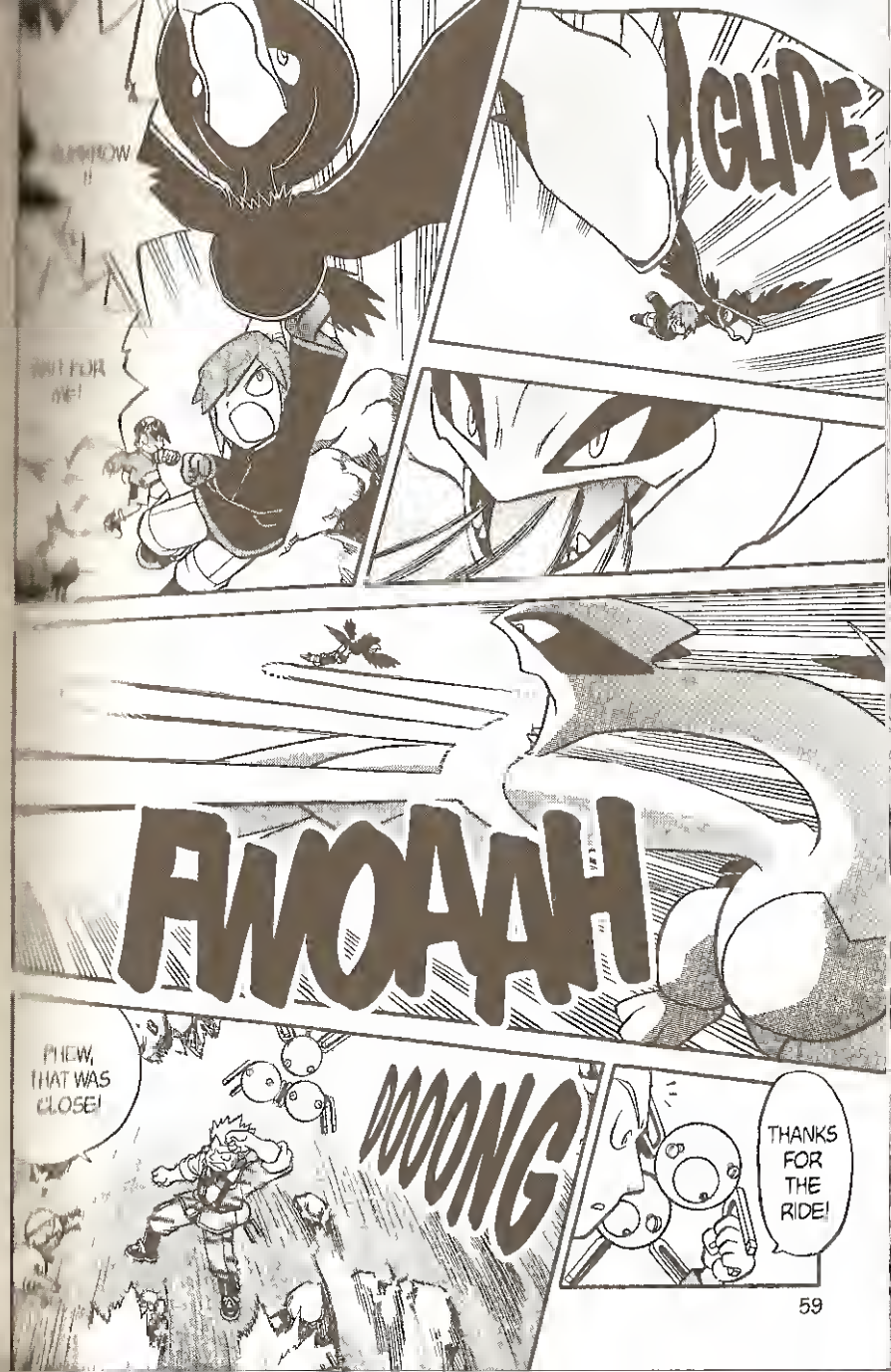


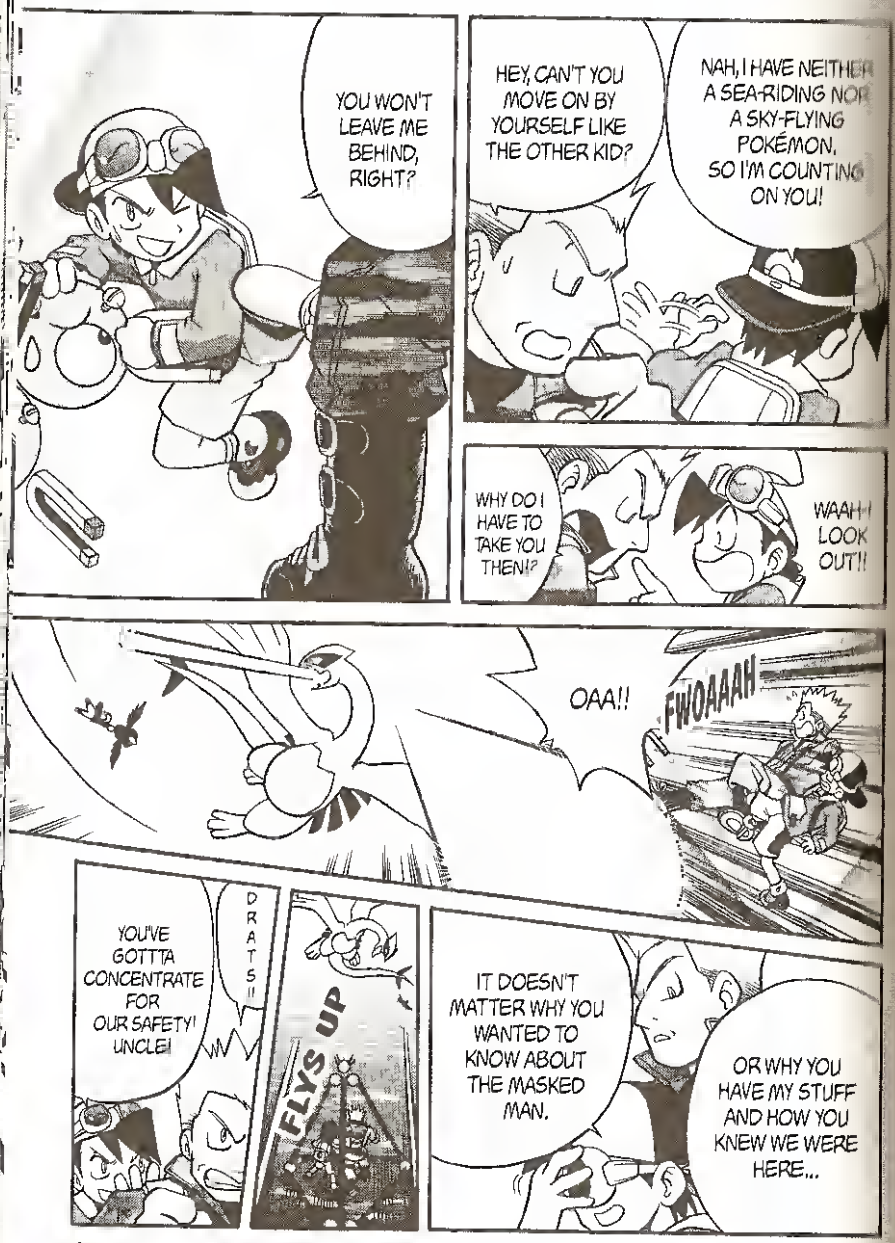
GRRGRRRRR


AAHHHH!
LIEUTE-NANT, PLEASE SAVE ME!!
THE SHIP AND SMALLER BOATS IN THE AREA ARE ALL FLOATING IN THE AIR LIKE BALLOONS!!
ALL BY THAT POKÉMON !?
ITS PSYCHIC POWERS ...!?

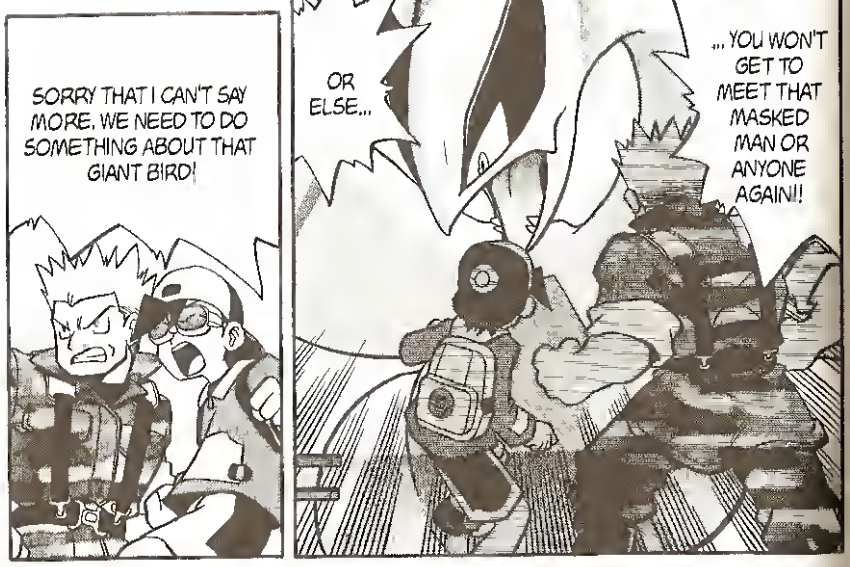

WHOOSH
IT'S LUGIA!!
WOOMP
WOAAH!
OOAAAH !!
EXPLODE
ZAP
UOHH!!
GAANG
OWW !!
SLAM
UHH !!
DRATS, MY AQUA!!
OUCH
SO THE BIG WHIRLPOOLS WERE ALSO CREATED BY THIS SAME POKÉMON!?
STARE
RAP

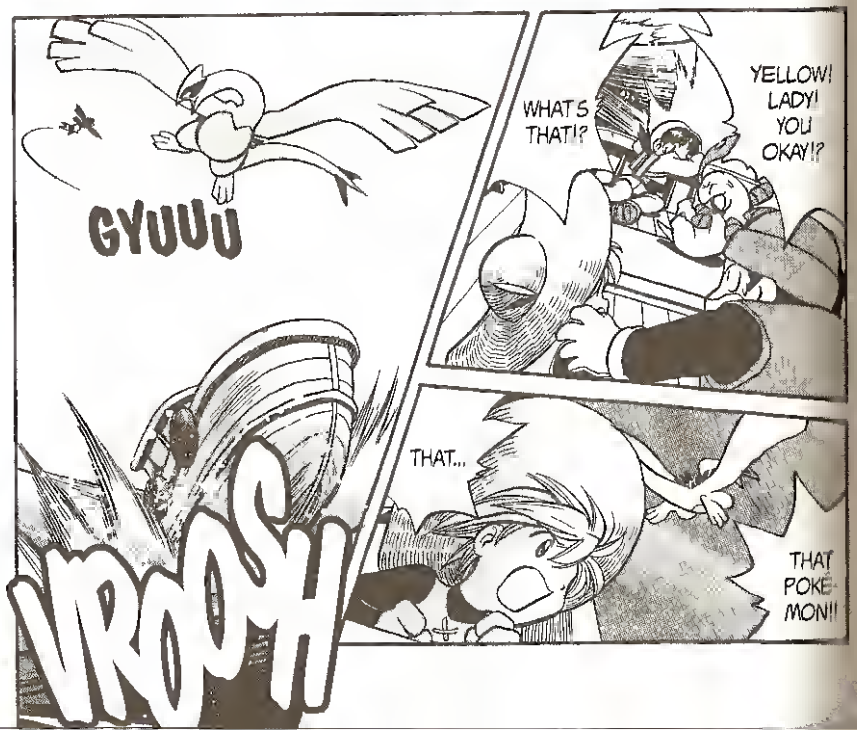

FLU
GN
AQUA
ZAAAA
WAHH-HHHH!
OH NO!!
WOOSH

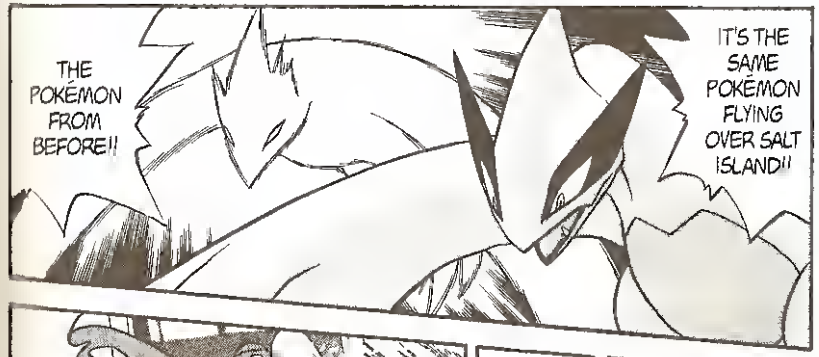

GLIDE
AHHHOW !!
WAIT FOR ME!
PWOAAH
PHEW, THAT WAS CLOSE!
WOONG
THANKS FOR THE RIDE!

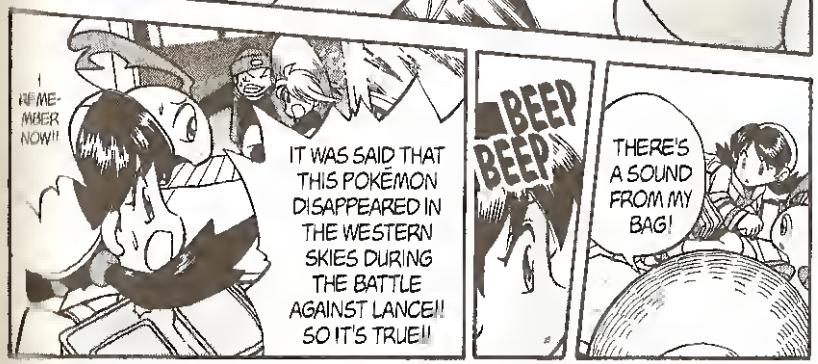

YOU WON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND, RIGHT?
HEY, CAN'T YOU MOVE ON BY YOURSELF LIKE THE OTHER KID?
NAH, I HAVE NEITHER A SEA-RIDING NOR A SKY-FLYING POKÉMON, SO I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
WHY DO I HAVE TO TAKE YOU THEN!?
WAAH! LOOK OUT!!
OAA!!
FWOAAAH
YOU'VE GOTTTA CONCENTRATE FOR OUR SAFETY! UNCLE!
DRATS!!
FLY'S UP
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHY YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE MASKED MAN.
OR WHY YOU HAVE MY STUFF AND HOW YOU KNEW WE WERE HERE...

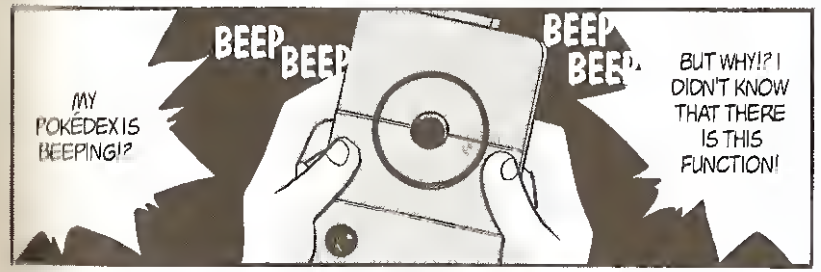
BUT I'M ONE WHO RETURNS A FAVOR DULY.
TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING MY STUFF TO ME, I'M GONNA ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.
YEA, WE FOUGHT THE MASKED MAN... TWICE!
TWICE!?
THERE'S ONE WORD TO SAY ABOUT THAT GUY'S ATTACKS.
IT'S ALL ABOUT ICE!!
HE'S AN EXPERT IN ICE ATTACKS!!
HE EVEN FROZE THE ENTIRE LAKE IN SECONDS!
...ICE!?
YEA, THE RED GYARADOS AND THE KIDS' STUFF WERE FROZEN WHEN I FOUND THEM!
BUT THE MASKED MAN DID NOT EVEN TRY TO USE ANY ICE ATTACKS ON ME.
...HE WASN'T SERIOUS ABOUT BATTLING ME!?

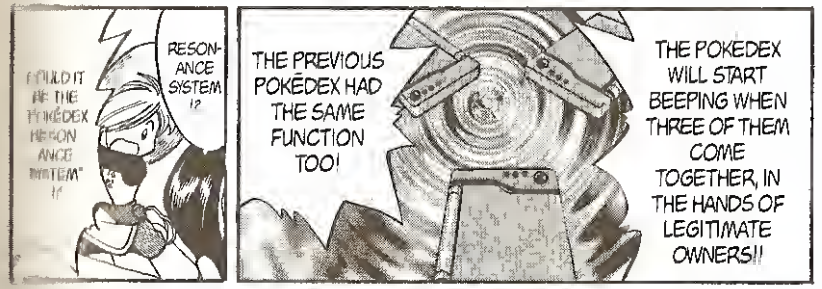

SORRY THAT I CAN'T SAY MORE. WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT GIANT BIRD!
OR ELSE...
... YOU WON'T GET TO MEET THAT MASKED MAN OR ANYONE AGAIN!!





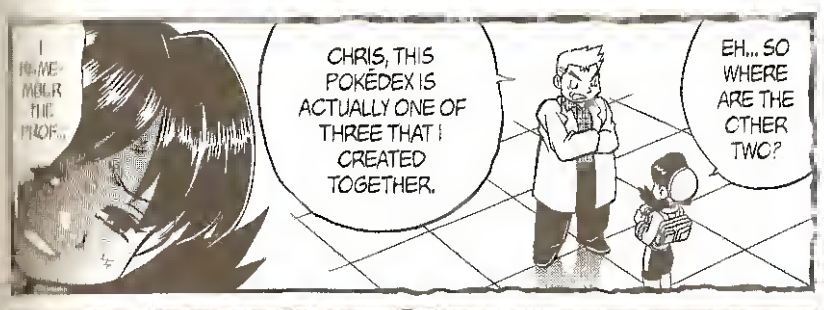

I REMEMBER NOW!!
IT WAS SAID THAT THIS POKÉMON DISAPPEARED IN THE WESTERN SKIES DURING THE BATTLE AGAINST LANCE!! SO IT'S TRUE!!
BEEP BEEP
THERE'S A SOUND FROM MY BAG!

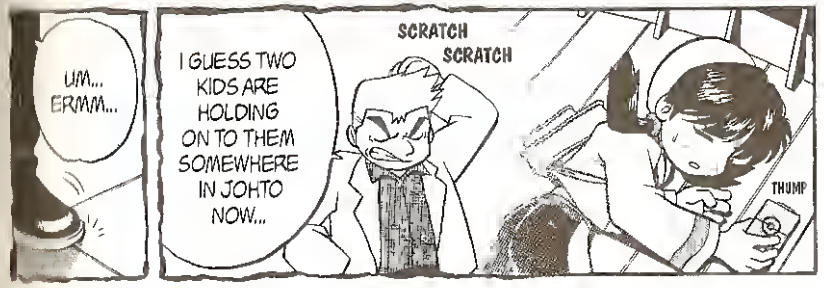



COULD IT BE THE POKÉDEX RESONANCE SYSTEM" !?
RESONANCE SYSTEM !?
THE PREVIOUS POKÉDEX HAD THE SAME FUNCTION TOO!
THE POKEDEX WILL START BEEPING WHEN THREE OF THEM COME TOGETHER, IN THE HANDS OF LEGITIMATE OWNERS!!

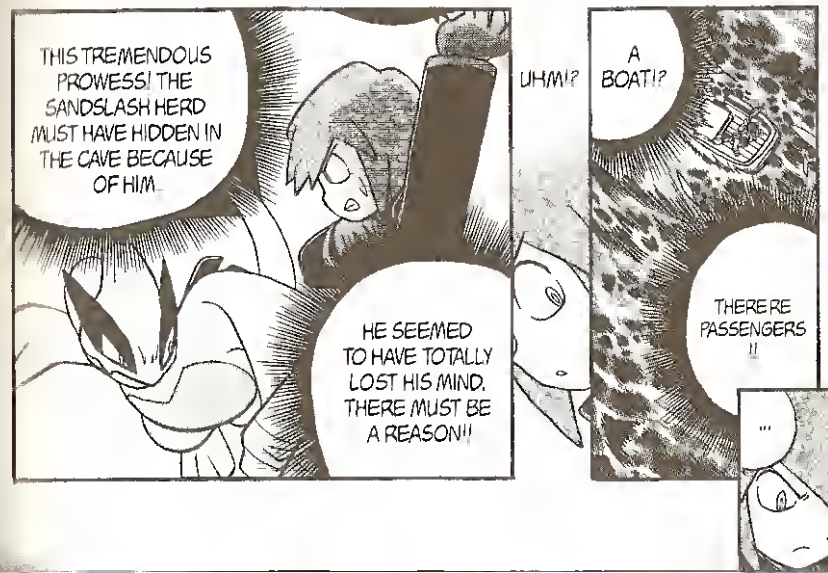
PLEASE REFER TO BOOK 11 FOR INFORMATION ON "POKÉDEX RESONANCE SYSTEM"

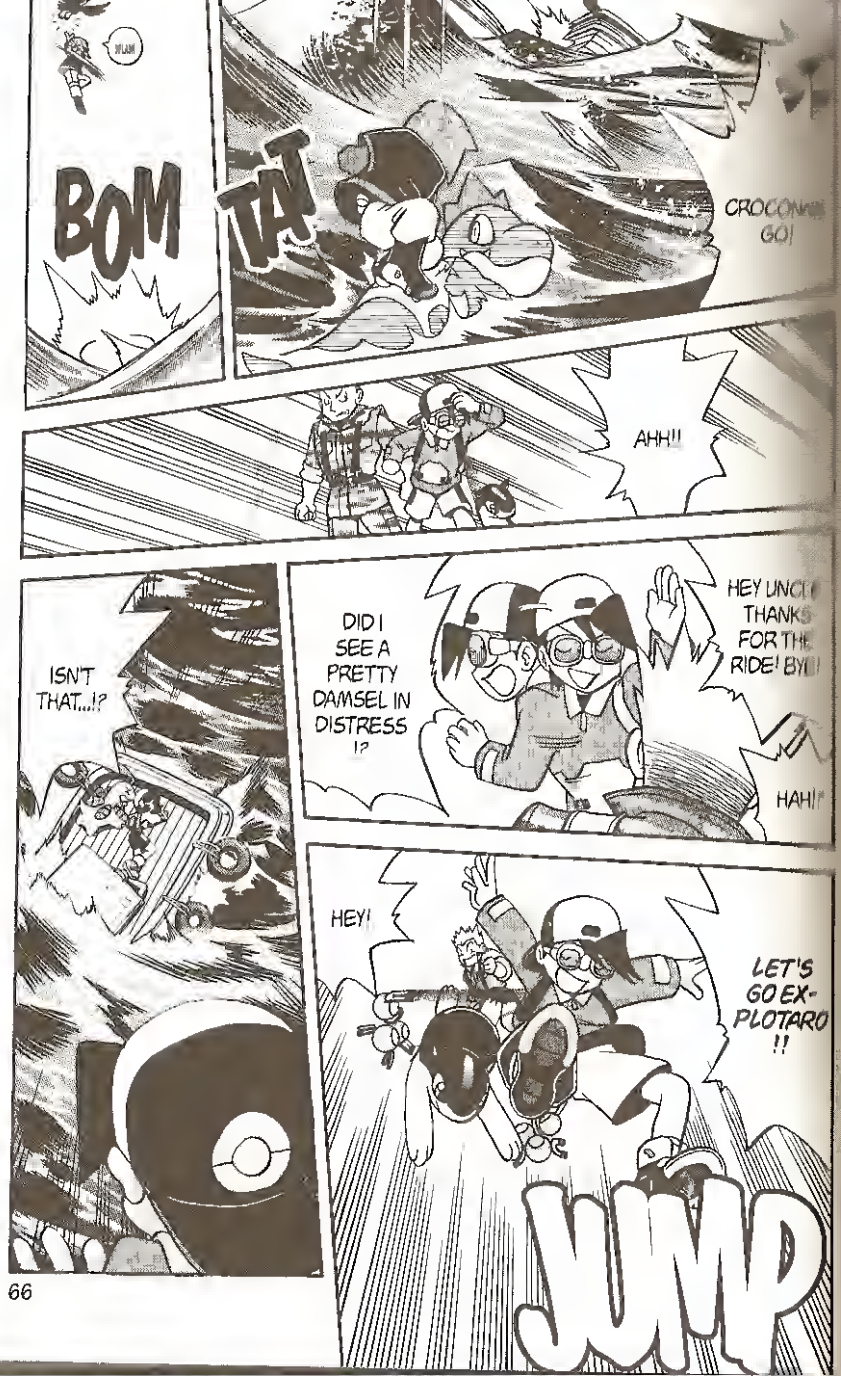
THE SAME THING HAPPENED WHEN THREE POKÉDEX CAME TOGETHER...
EXPLOD
GWAA
AHH!!
THE BOAT'S SINKING!!
WHOOSH
BEEPBEEPBEEPBEEPBEEPBEEP
AHH, CHRIS!
...UH...
POKÉ-DEX...
...UH.
THREE OF THEM...

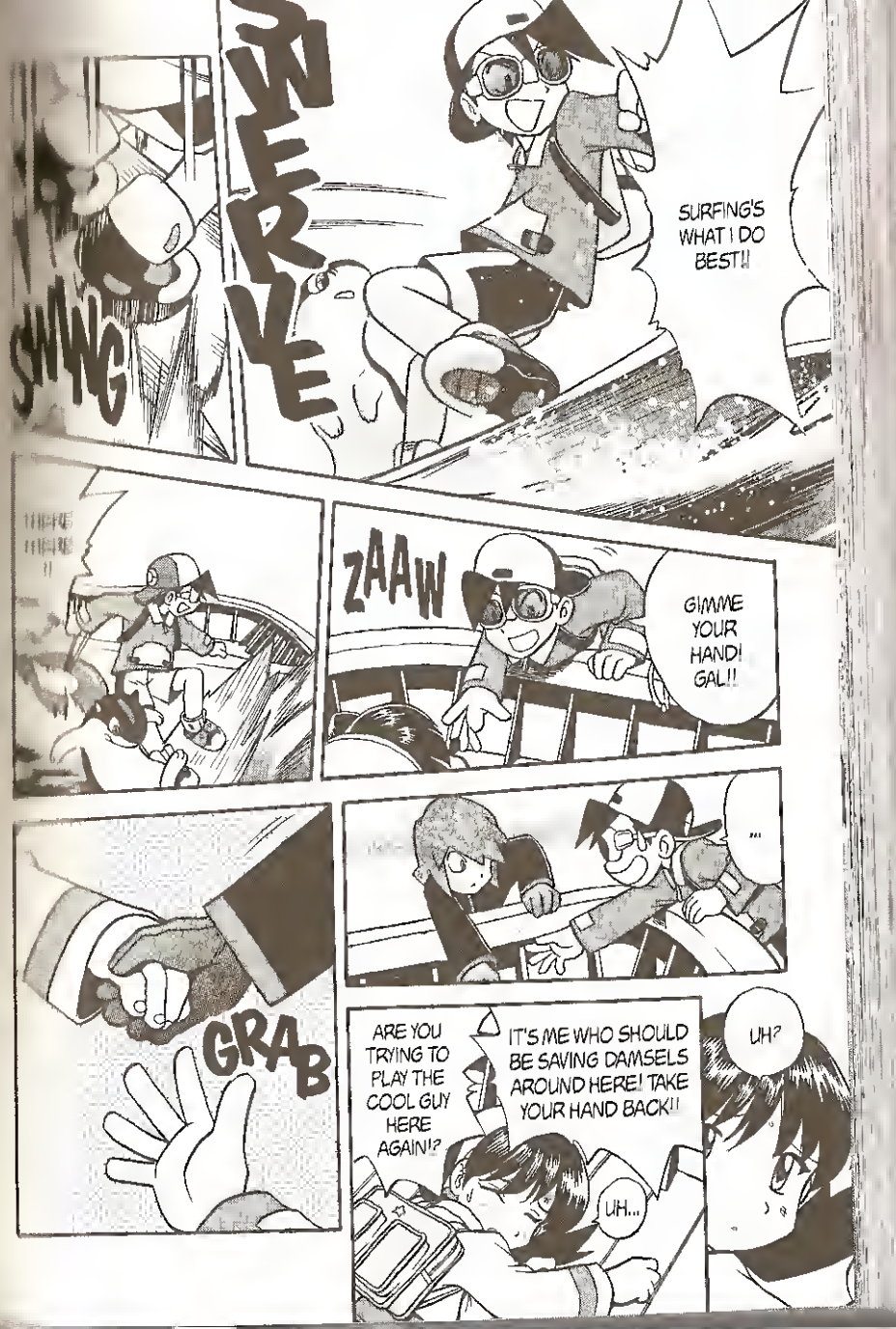

I REMEMBER THE PROF...
CHRIS, THIS POKÉDEX IS ACTUALLY ONE OF THREE THAT I CREATED TOGETHER.
EH... SO WHERE ARE THE OTHER TWO?

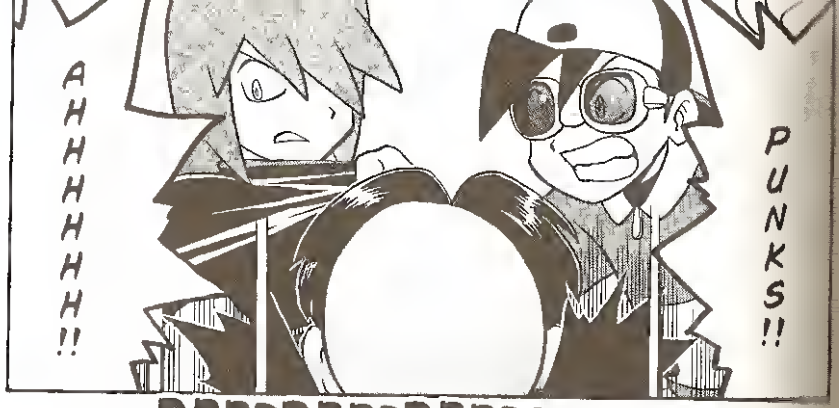

UM... ERMM...
I GUESS TWO KIDS ARE HOLDING ON TO THEM SOMEWHERE IN JOHTO NOW...
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
THUMP

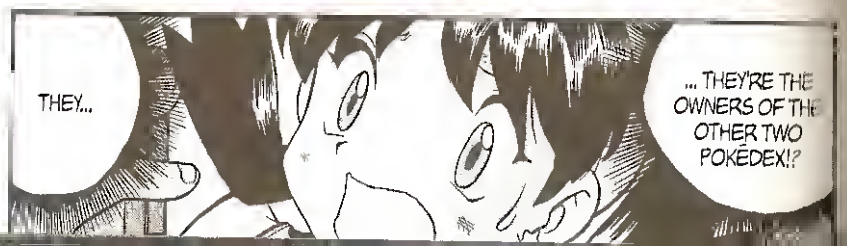
UFF UFF


THIS TREMENDOUS PROWESS! THE SANDSLASH HERD MUST HAVE HIDDEN IN THE CAVE BECAUSE OF HIM...
HE SEEMED TO HAVE TOTALLY LOST HIS MIND. THERE MUST BE A REASON!!
UHM!?
A BOAT!?
THERE'RE PASSENGERS !!
...


BOM
TA!
CROCONAW GO!
AHH!!
ISN'T THAT...!?
DID I SEE A PRETTY DAMSEL IN DISTRESS !?
HEY UNCLE THANKS FOR THE RIDE! BYE!
HAH!?
HEY!
LET'S GO EX-PLOTARO !!
JUMP


SWING
SWERVE
SURFING'S WHAT I DO BEST!!
ZAAW
GIMME YOUR HAND! GAL!!
...
GRAB
ARE YOU TRYING TO PLAY THE COOL GUY HERE AGAIN!?
IT'S ME WHO SHOULD BE SAVING DAMSELS AROUND HERE! TAKE YOUR HAND BACK!!
UH...
UH?





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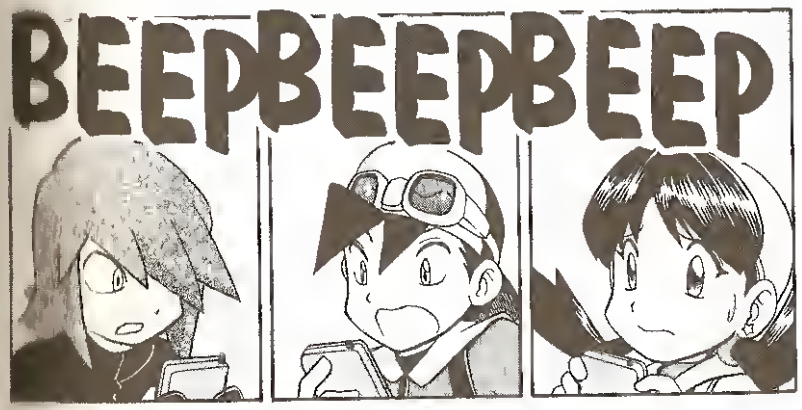
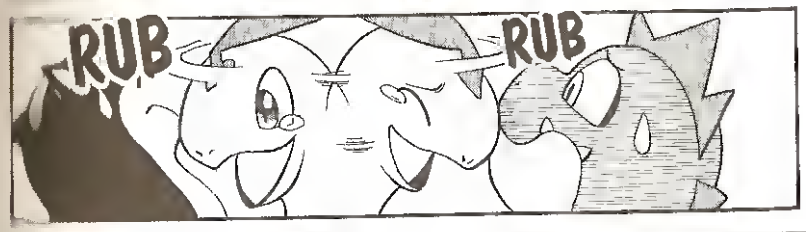
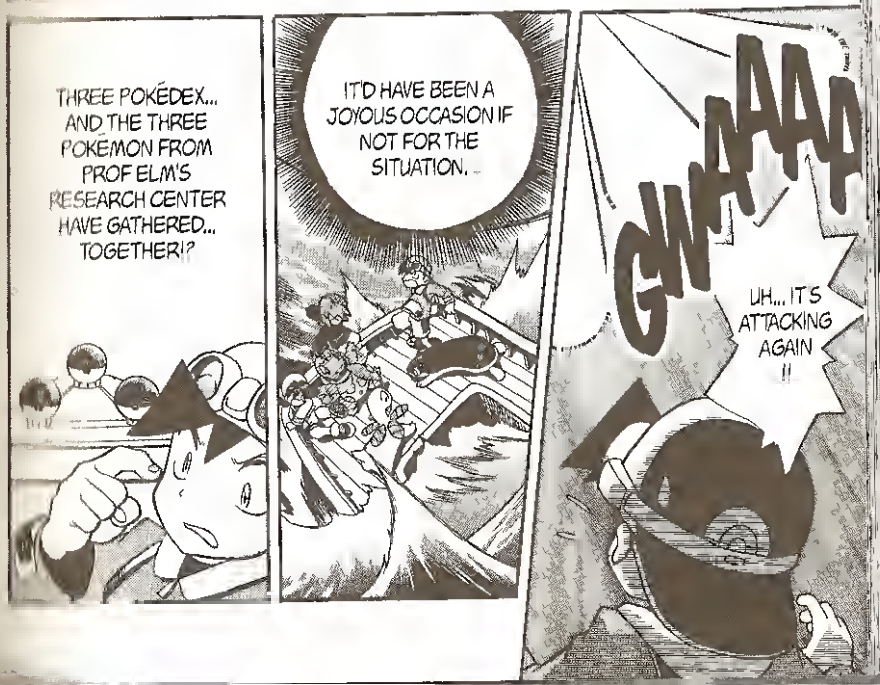
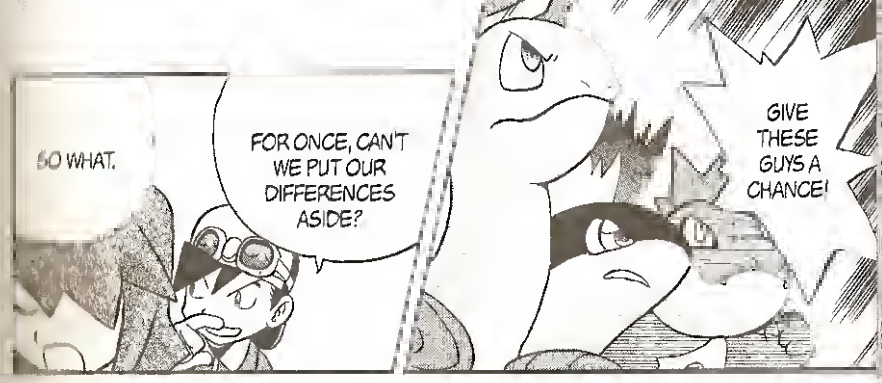





THREE POKÉDEX... AND THE THREE POKÉMON FROM PROF ELM'S RESEARCH CENTER HAVE GATHERED... TOGETHER!?
IT'D HAVE BEEN A JOYOUS OCCASION IF NOT FOR THE SITUATION.
GWAAAA
UH... IT'S ATTACKING AGAIN !!

SWOOSSHH
WAH!!
GET AWAY !!
YOU GET AWAY !!
THEY'RE ...
... SCARY ...
..... LET'S GO, CROCONAW.
SWOOSH
HEY SILVER, WAIT!!
I'M ALSO AWARE THAT IF WE STAY HERE WE'LL NOT ONLY BE EASY TARGETS, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTACK TOO.
BUT LOOK, YOUR CROCONAW IS READY TO BATTLE!
THEY'RE ALREADY PREPARED TO BATTLE!



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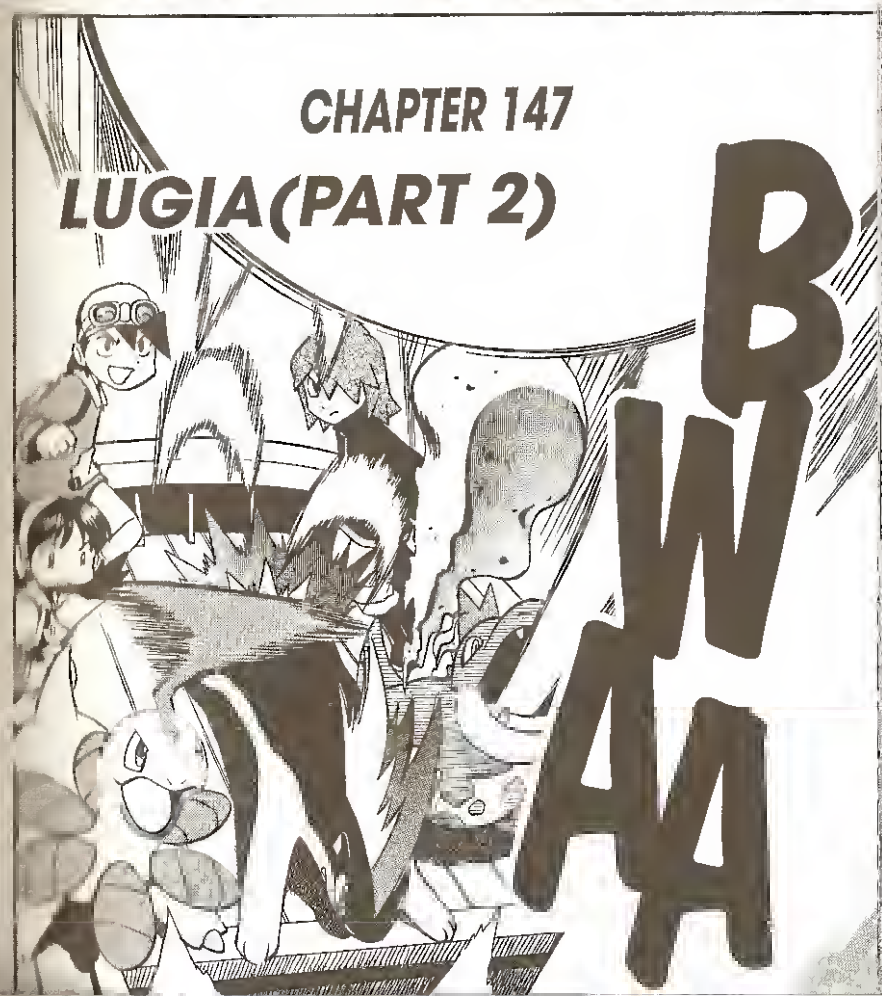
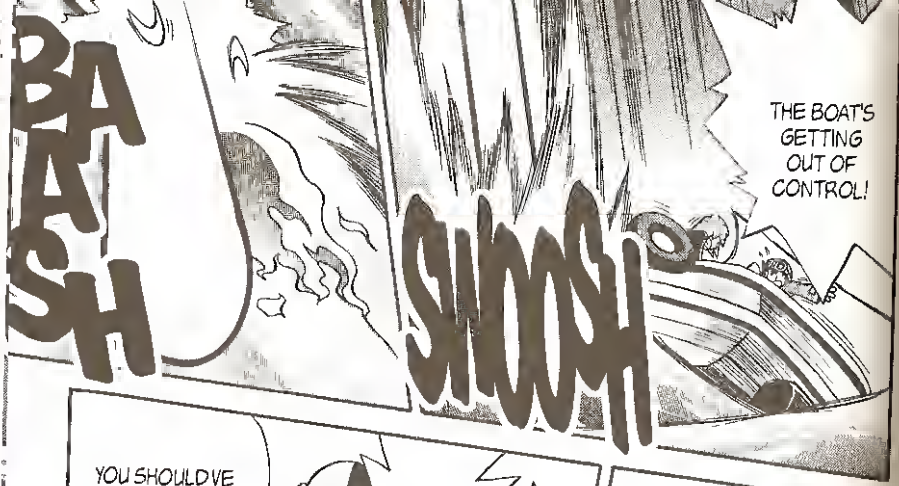
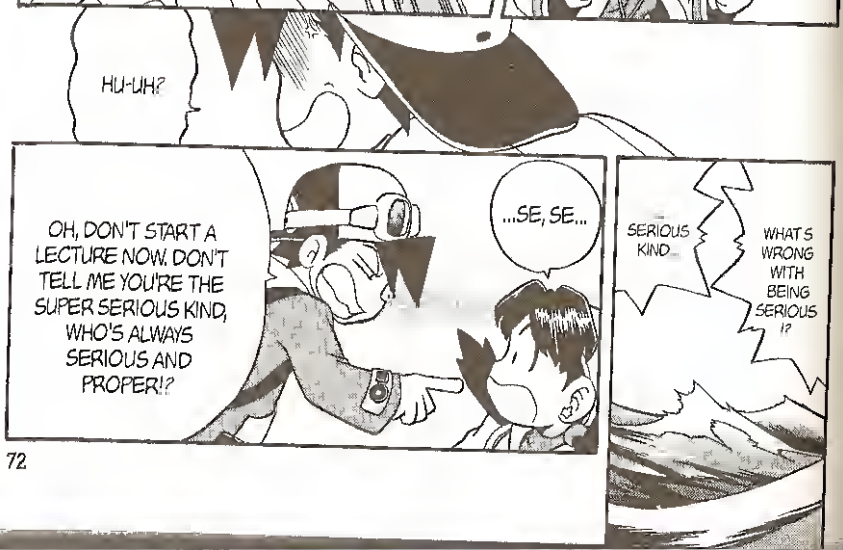
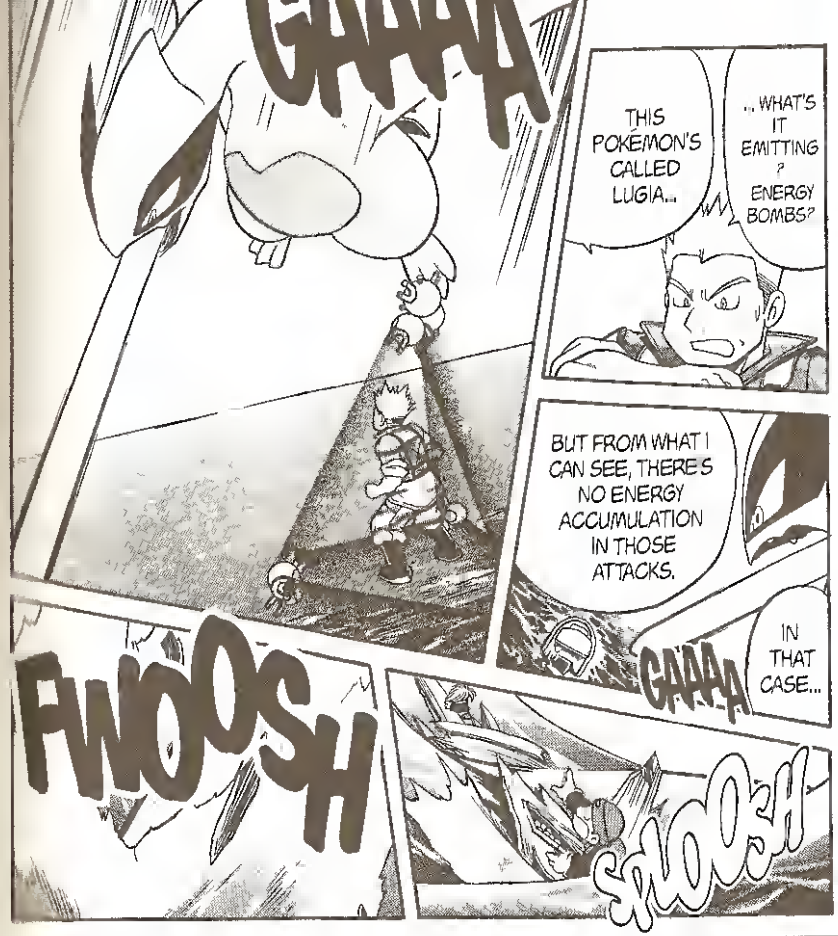
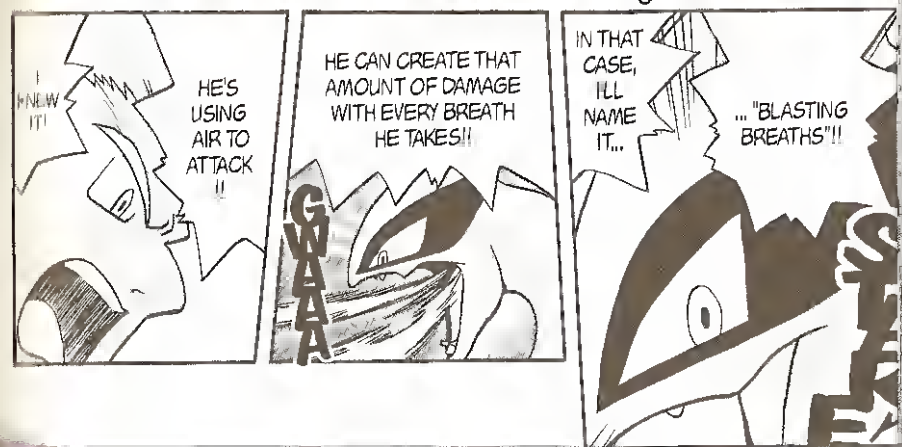



BA
SH
SHOOSH
THE BOAT'S GETTING OUT OF CONTROL!

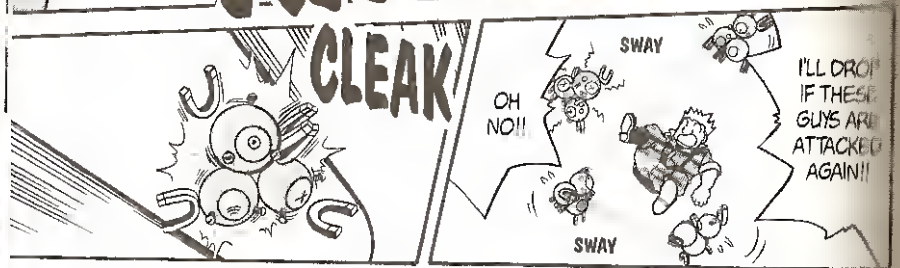
YOU SHOULDVE KNOWN THAT BEFORE ATTACKING!
ARE YOU BLAMING ME!?
STOP!!
YOU SHOULDN'T BE QUARREL-LING!
ARE YOU REALLY THE TRAINERS PROF OAK ENTRUSTED THE POKEDEX WITH?

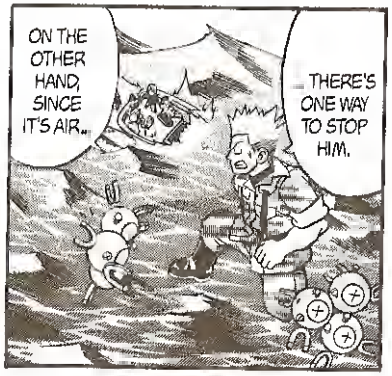

HU-UH?
OH, DON'T START A LECTURE NOW. DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE THE SUPER SERIOUS KIND, WHO'S ALWAYS SERIOUS AND PROPER!?
...SE, SE...
SERIOUS KIND...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING SERIOUS!?


GAAAAA
THIS POKEMON'S CALLED LUGIA...
.. WHAT'S IT EMITTING ? ENERGY BOMBS?
BUT FROM WHAT I CAN SEE, THERE'S NO ENERGY ACCUMULATION IN THOSE ATTACKS.
GAAAA
IN THAT CASE...
FWOOSH
SHOOSH


I KNEW IT!
HE'S USING AIR TO ATTACK !!
HE CAN CREATE THAT AMOUNT OF DAMAGE WITH EVERY BREATH HE TAKES!!
GWAAA
IN THAT CASE, I'LL NAME IT...
... "BLASTING BREATHS"!!

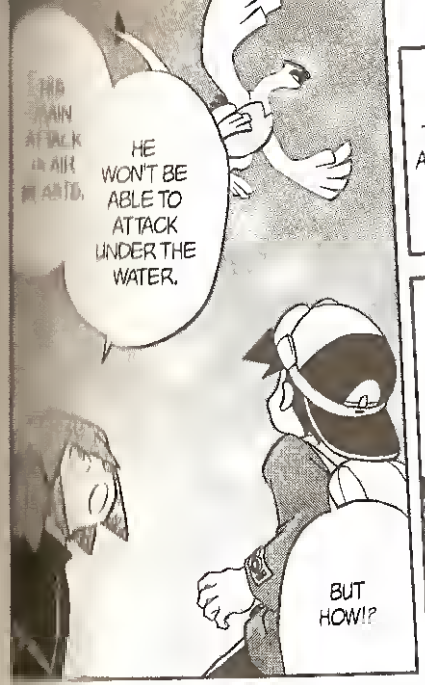
"AERO BLAST"!!!
WA

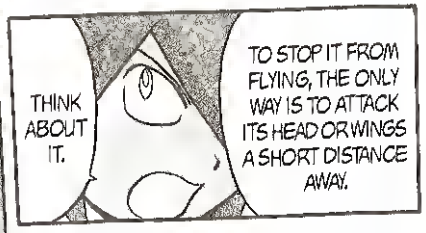

CLEAK
SWAY
OH NO!!
I'LL DROP IF THESE GUYS ARE ATTACKED AGAIN!!
SWAY

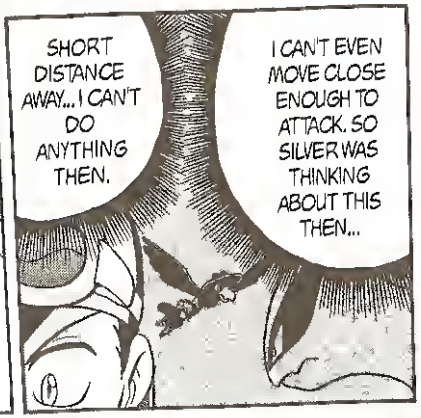

ON THE OTHER HAND, SINCE IT'S AIR...
THERE'S ONE WAY TO STOP HIM.

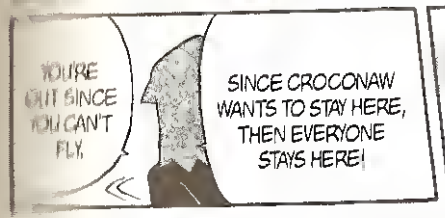
THAT RED-HAIRED KID MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT...
... RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING.

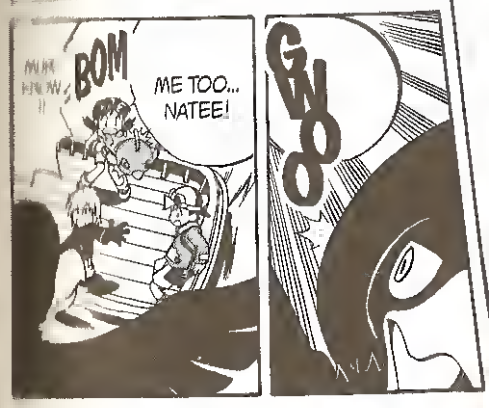
YOU WANNA DRAG THAT GIANT BIRD...
... INTO THE WATER!?

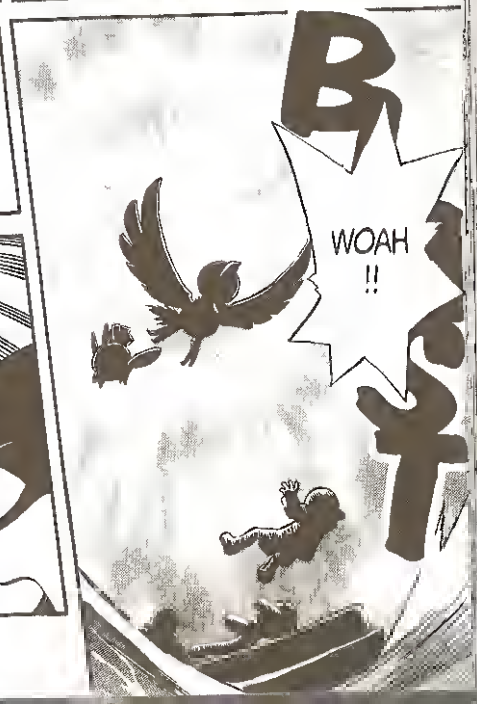

HE WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTACK UNDER THE WATER.
BUT HOW!?

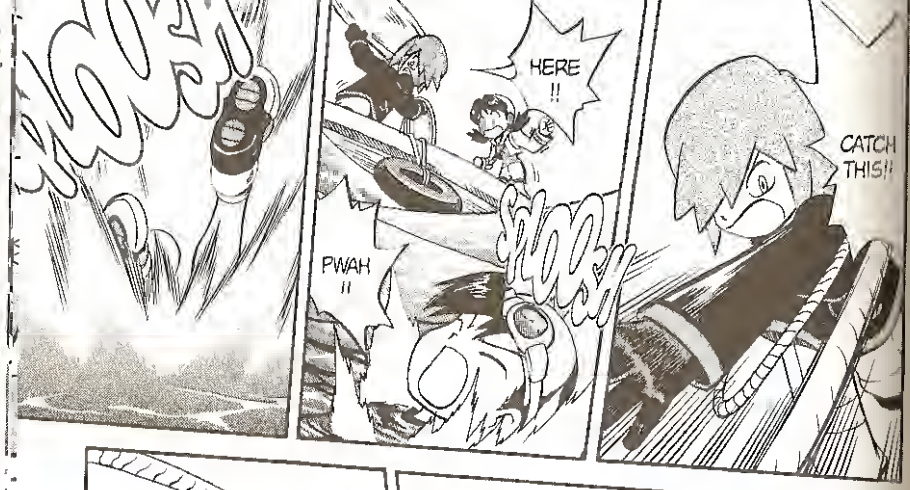

THINK ABOUT IT.
TO STOP IT FROM FLYING, THE ONLY WAY IS TO ATTACK ITS HEAD OR WINGS A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY.

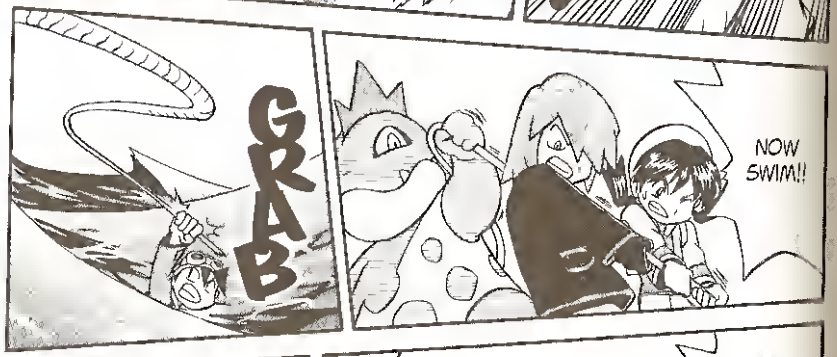

SHORT DISTANCE AWAY... I CAN'T DO ANYTHING THEN.
I CAN'T EVEN MOVE CLOSE ENOUGH TO ATTACK. SO SILVER WAS THINKING ABOUT THIS THEN...

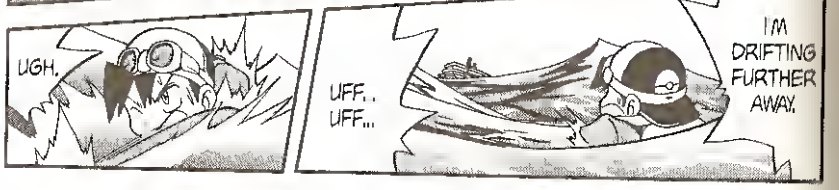

YOU'RE OUT SINCE YOU CAN'T FLY.
SINCE CROCONAW WANTS TO STAY HERE, THEN EVERYONE STAYS HERE!

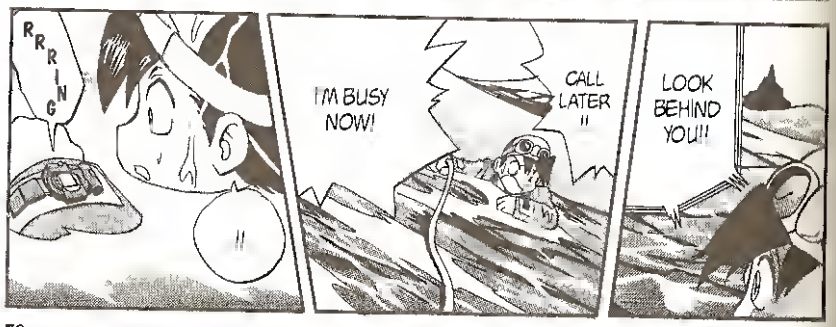

BOM
ME TOO... NATEE!
GWOO

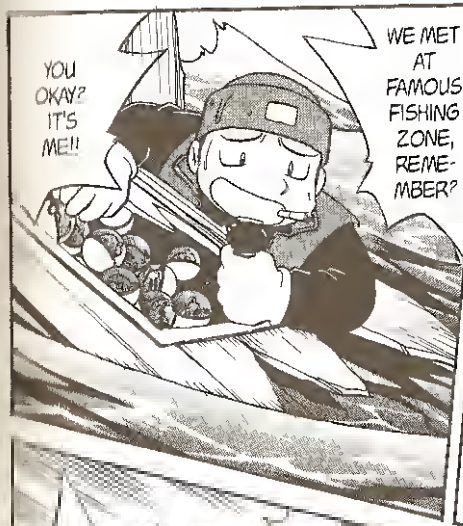

WOAH !!

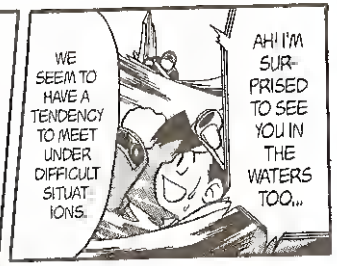

HERE !!
CATCH THIS!!
PWAH !!


GRAB
NOW SWIM!!

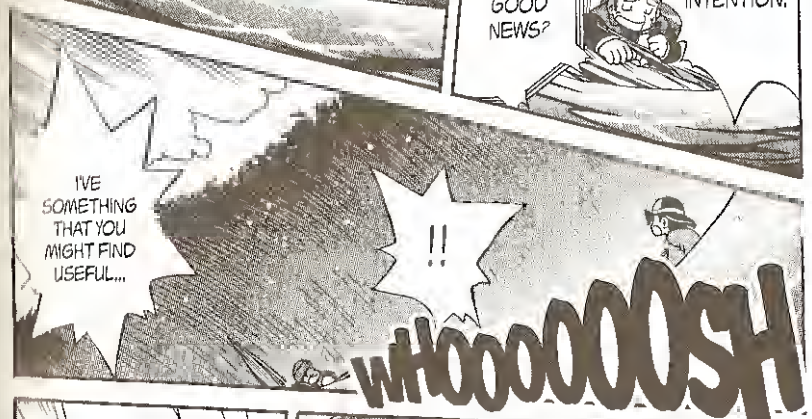

UGH.
UFF.. UFF...
I'M DRIFTING FURTHER AWAY.

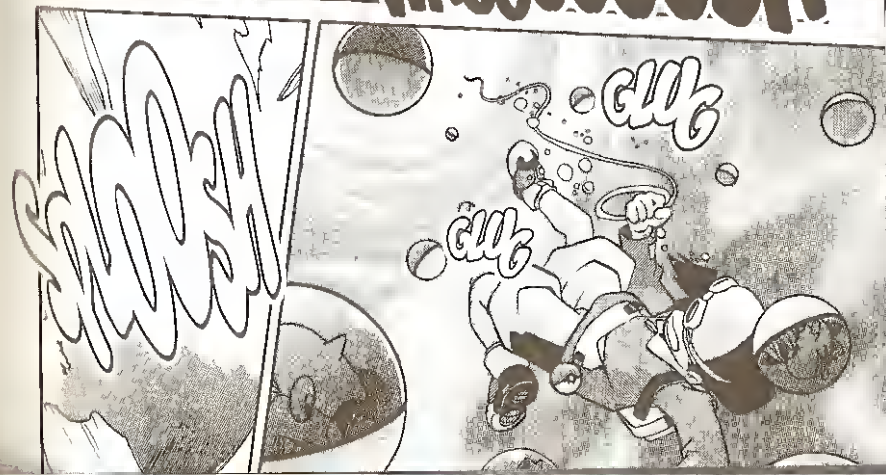

RRRING
!!
I'M BUSY NOW!
CALL LATER !!
LOOK BEHIND YOU!!

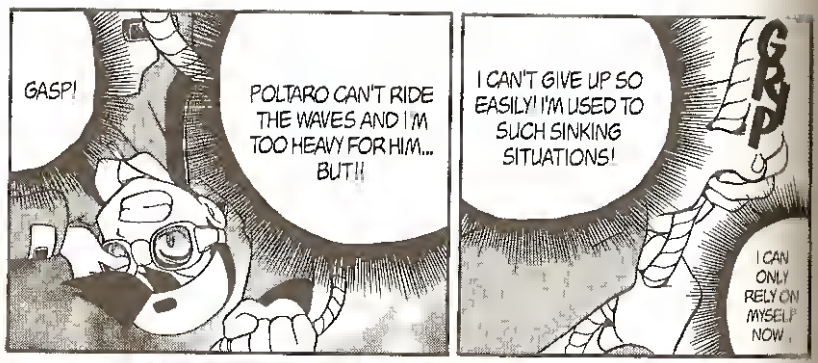

YOU OKAY? IT'S ME!!
WE MET AT FAMOUS FISHING ZONE, REMEMBER?


WE SEEM TO HAVE A TENDENCY TO MEET UNDER DIFFICULT SITUATIONS.
AH! I'M SURPRISED TO SEE YOU IN THE WATERS TOO...

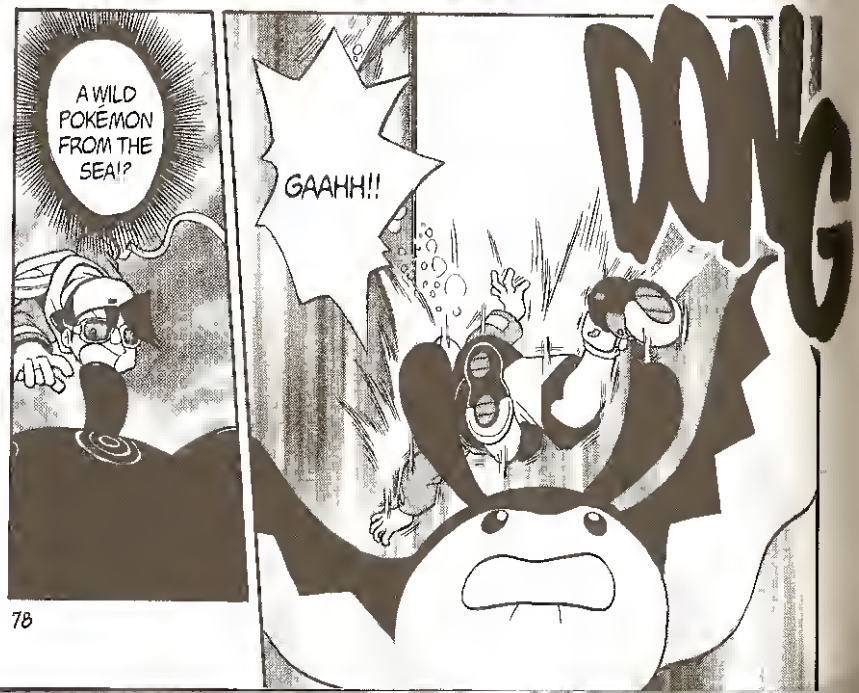
SO DID YOU CALL ME WITH GOOD NEWS?
YEAH, THAT WAS MY INTENTION.

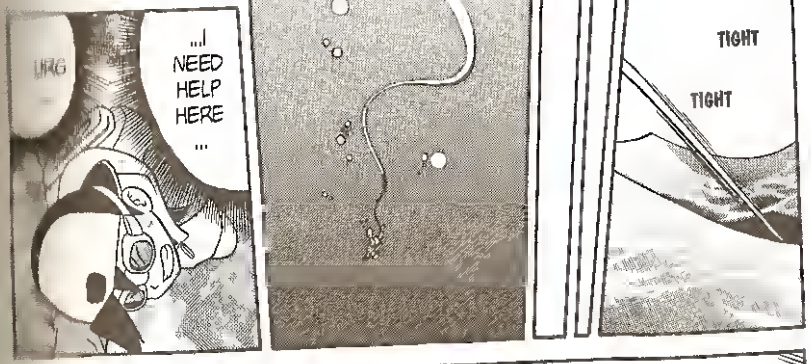

I'VE SOMETHING THAT YOU MIGHT FIND USEFUL...
!!
WHOOOOOOSH

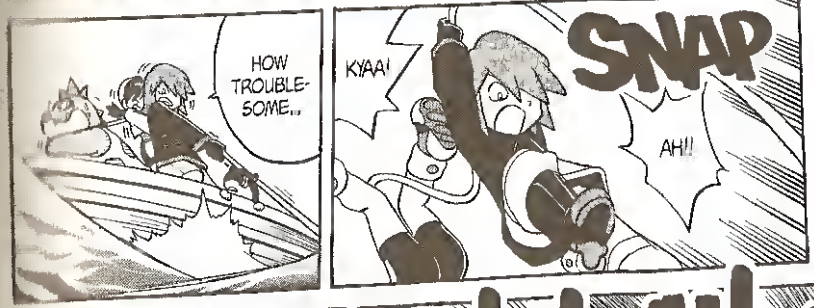

GLUG
GLUG

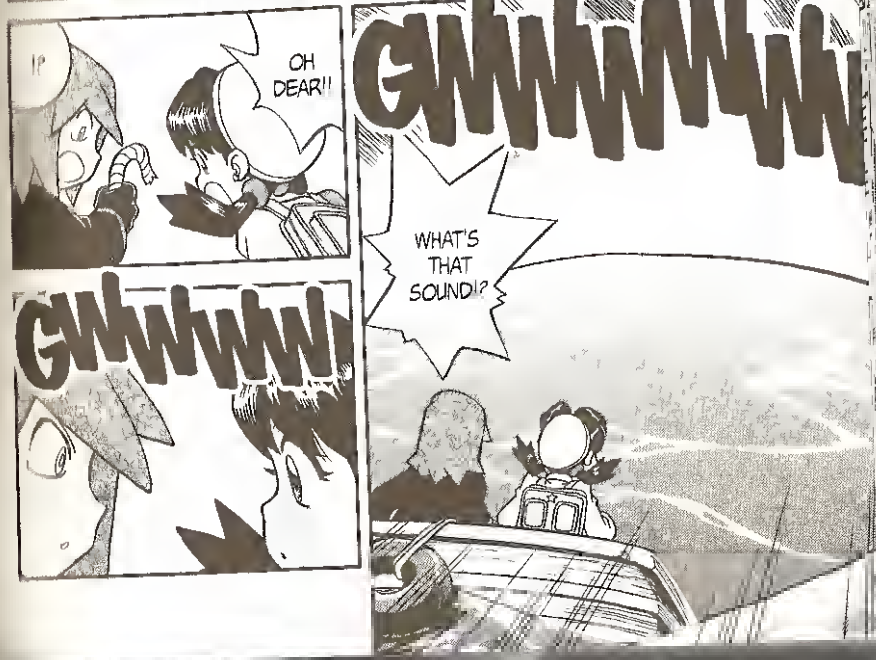

GASP!
POLTARO CAN'T RIDE THE WAVES AND I'M TOO HEAVY FOR HIM... BUT!!
I CAN'T GIVE UP SO EASILY! I'M USED TO SUCH SINKING SITUATIONS!
GRIP
I CAN ONLY RELY ON MYSELF NOW.

DONG
DONG


A WILD POKÉMON FROM THE SEA!?
GAAHH!!
DONG

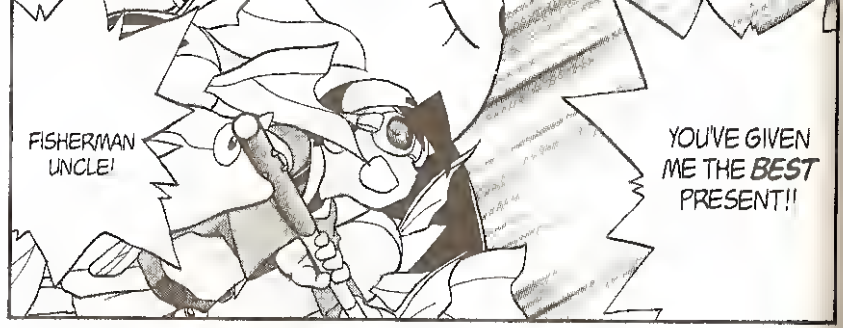

URG
...I NEED HELP HERE ...
TIGHT
TIGHT

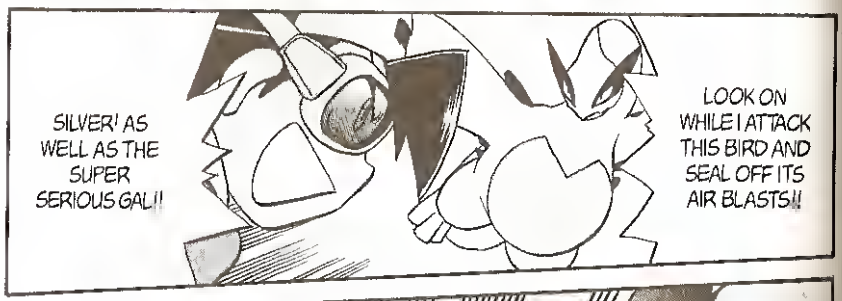

HOW TROUBLE-SOME...
KYAA!
SNAP
AH!!


IP
OH DEAR!!
GWWWWWW
GWWWWWW
WHAT'S THAT SOUND!?

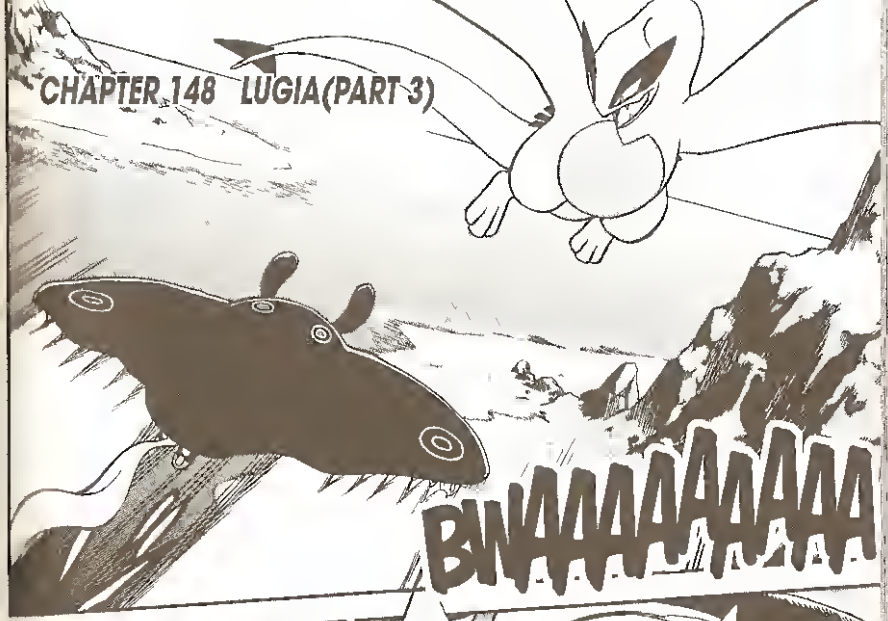
WHOOSH
WHAT'S THAT!?
IOOONG

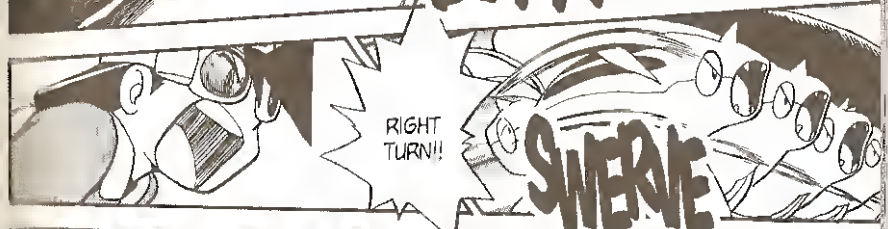
I'M BACK!
STRING/NORMAL TYPE/LURER
FLYING
IT'S A WATER AND FLYING TYPE!!
A POKÉMON FOR THE SEAS AND SKIES !!

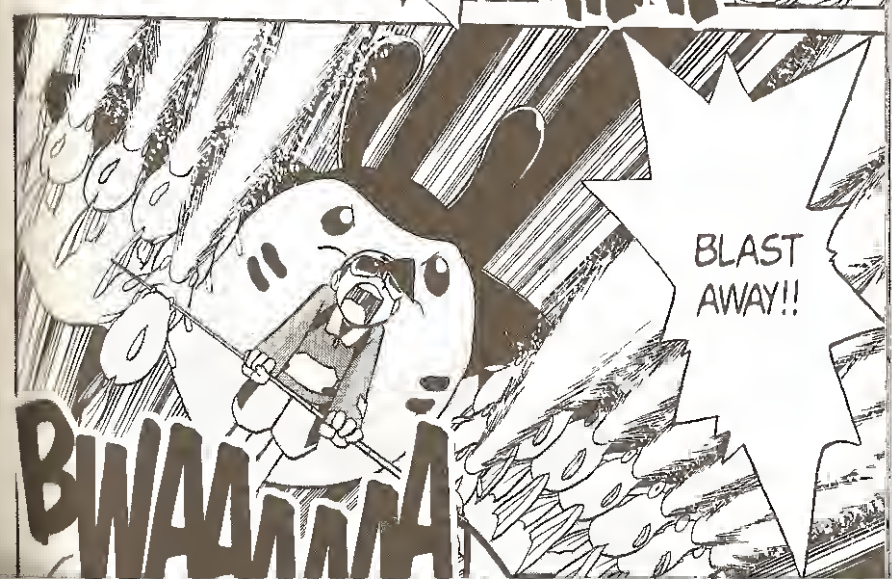

FISHERMAN UNCLE!
YOU'VE GIVEN ME THE BEST PRESENT!!


SILVER! AS WELL AS THE SUPER SERIOUS GAL!!
LOOK ON WHILE I ATTACK THIS BIRD AND SEAL OFF ITS AIR BLASTS!!

LET'S GO!!
BWAAAAAAAAA


BWAAAAAAAAA


RIGHT TURN!!
SWERVE


BLAST AWAY!!
BWAAAAAAA

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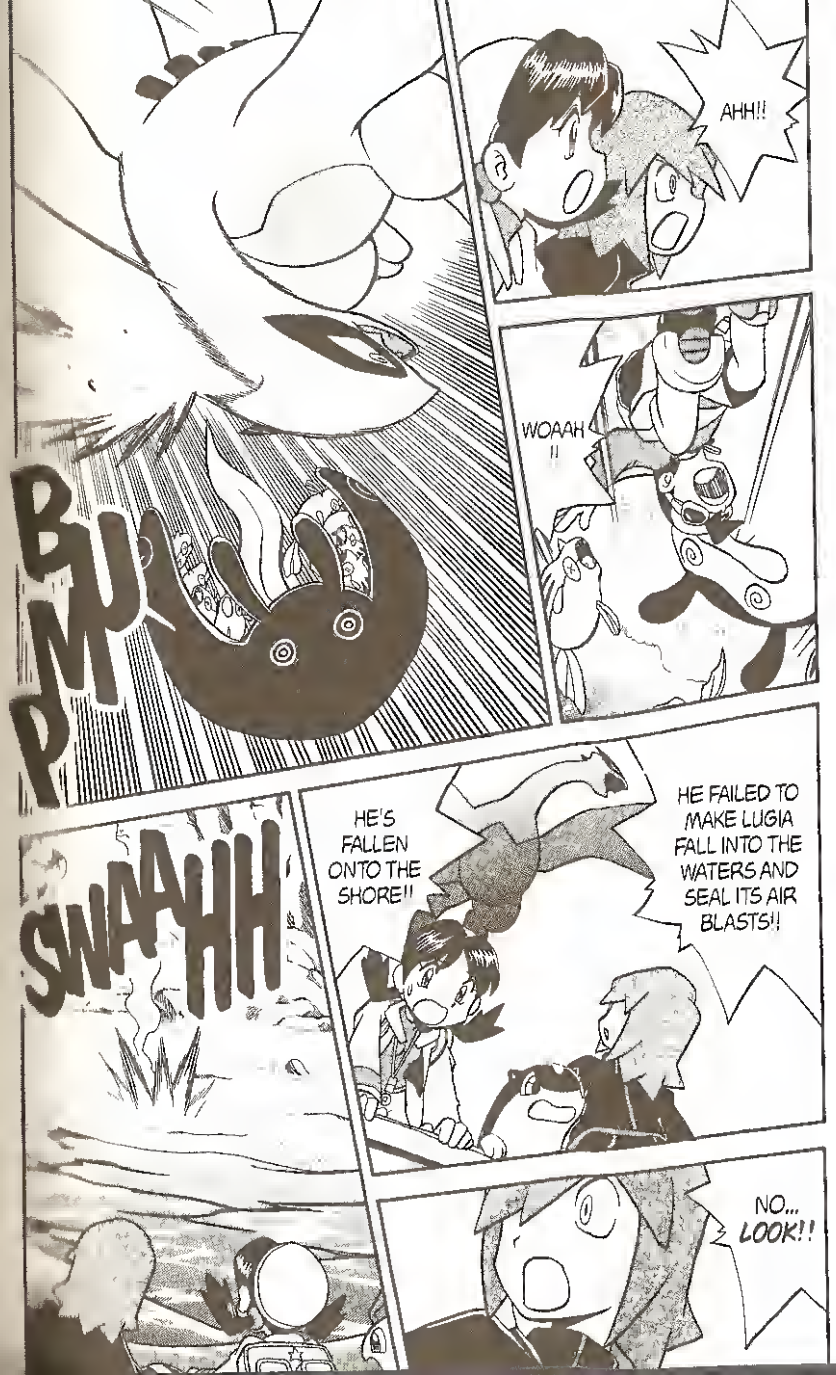
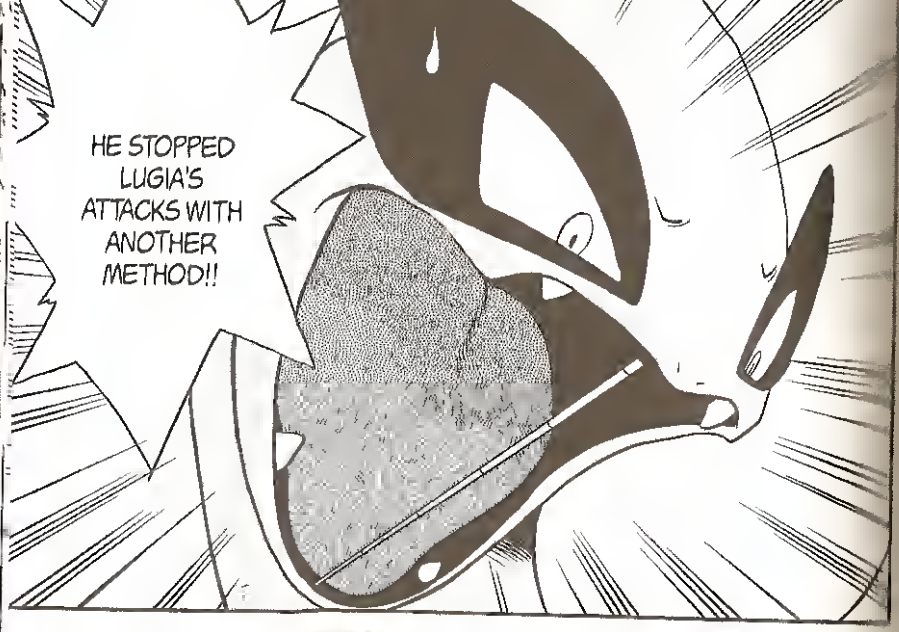
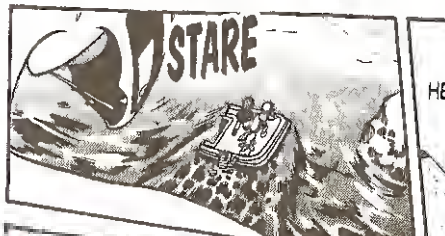
LUGIA (PART 3)




HE STOPPED LUGIA'S ATTACKS WITH ANOTHER METHOD!!

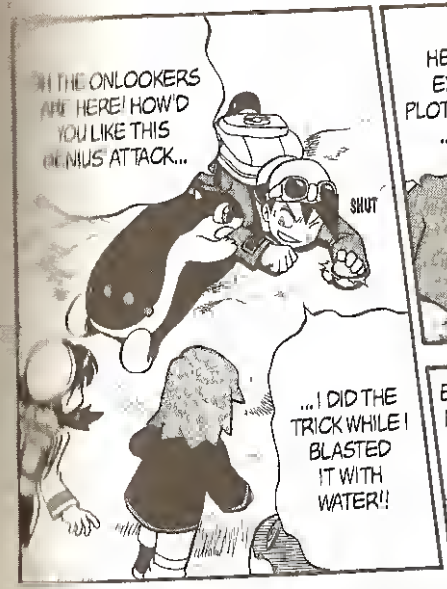
IF THE MOUTH CAN'T OPEN AND SHUT, LUGIA CANNOT ATTACK ANYMORE!

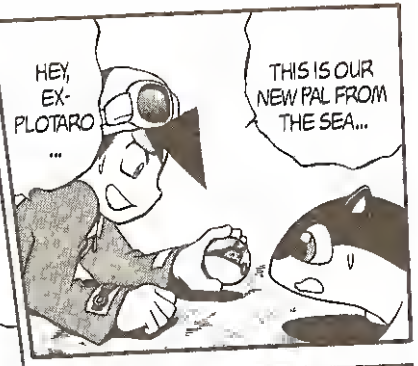
WE'VE GOTTA GRAB THE CHANCE NOW!
CRO-CONAW!
SHOOSH!

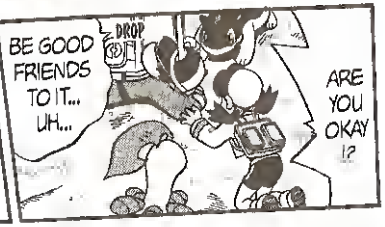

STARE

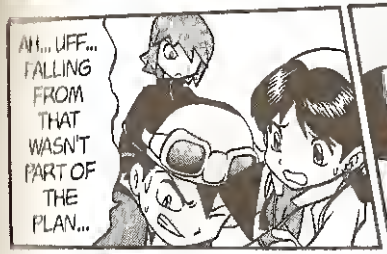
GRRR

HEY!
SHUUUU
UH... UGH.

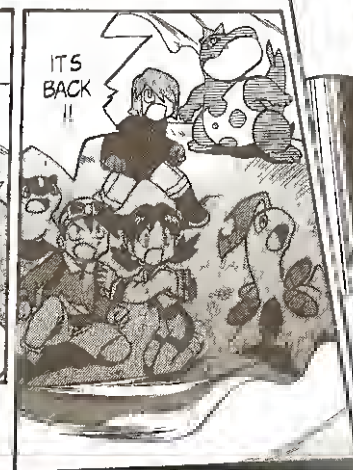

SHUT
...! DID THE TRICK WHILE I BLASTED IT WITH WATER!!


HEY, EX-PLOTARO ...
THIS IS OUR NEW PAL FROM THE SEA...

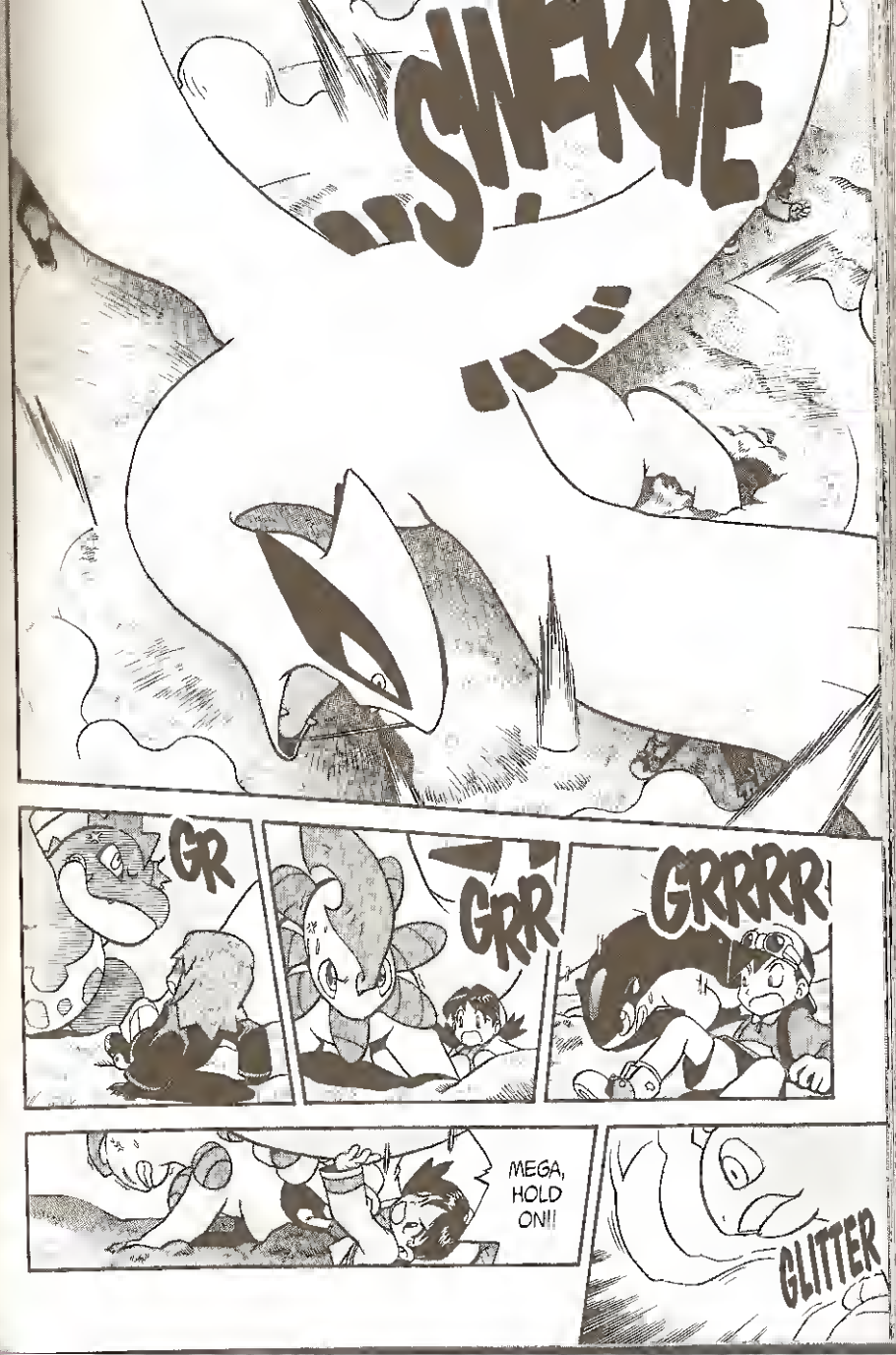

DROP
BE GOOD FRIENDS TO IT... UH...
ARE YOU OKAY !?

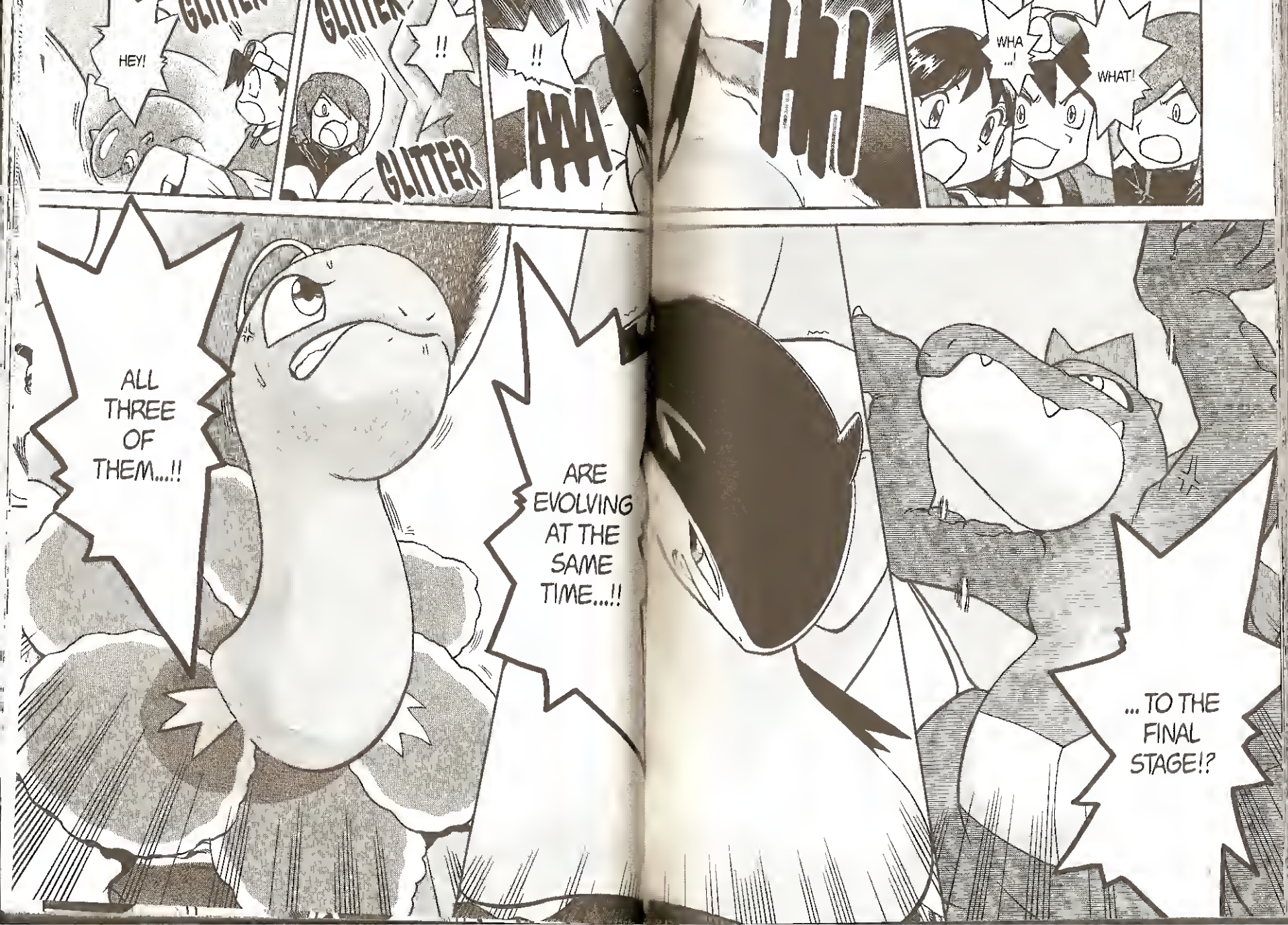

AH... UFF... FALLING FROM THAT WASN'T PART OF THE PLAN...

FWOOSH!

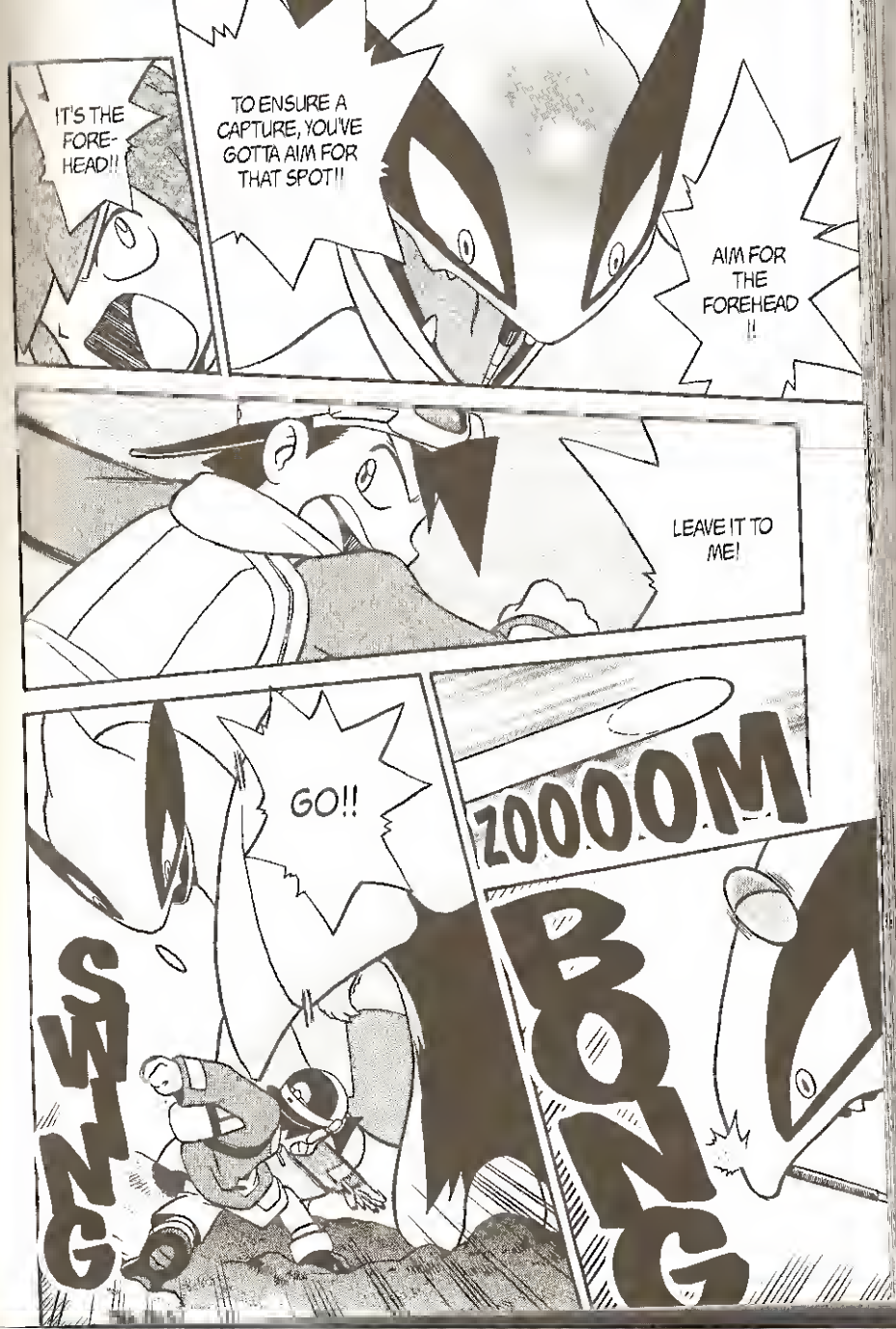

IT'S BACK !!

FLAP
GNAAA
GRRR


SWERVE
GR
GRR
GRRRRR
MEGA, HOLD ON!!
GLITTER

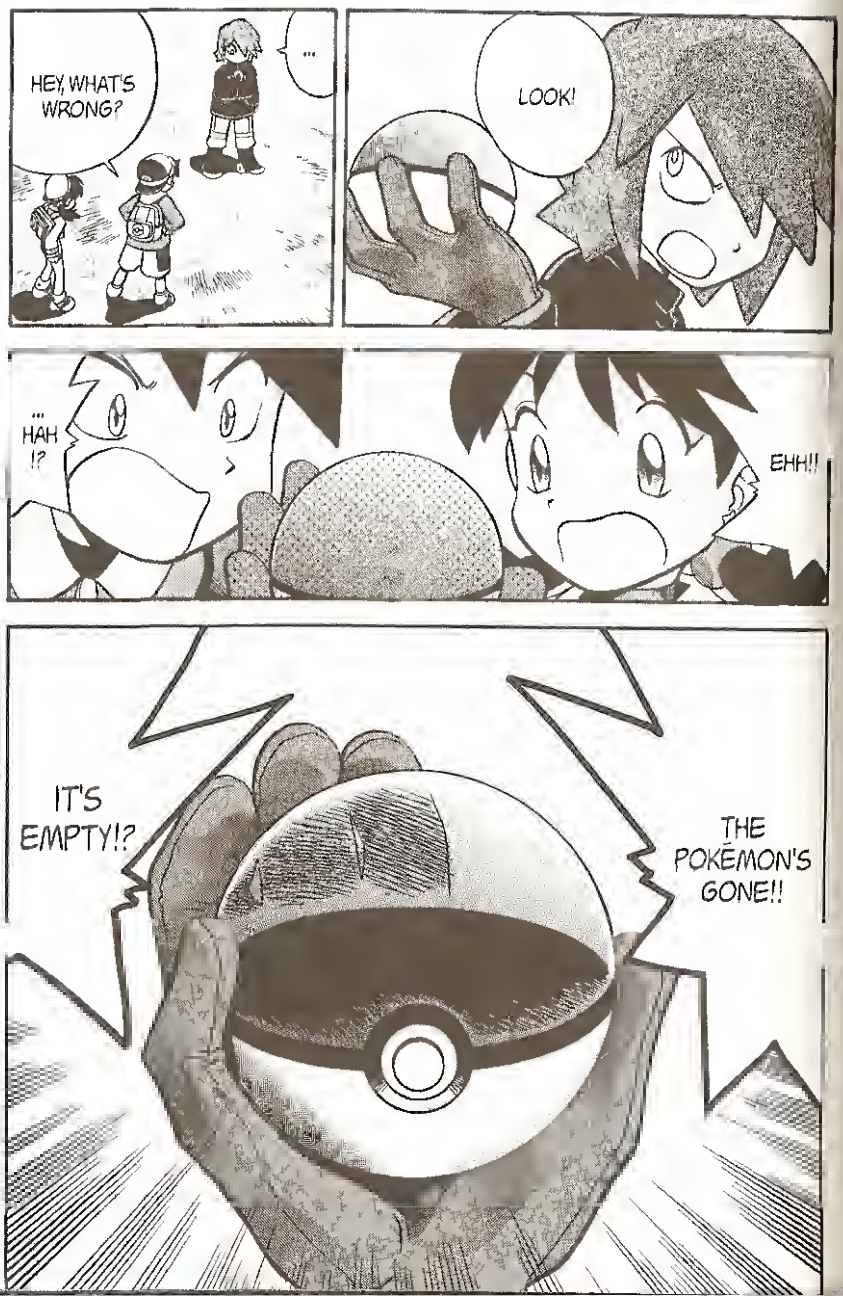

HEY!
GLITTER
GLITTER
!!
GLITTER
!!
AAA
HH
WHA...!
WHAT!
ALL THREE OF THEM...!!
ARE EVOLVING AT THE SAME TIME...!!
... TO THE FINAL STAGE!?

UNBELIEVABLE! MEGA HAS JUST EVOLVED TO BAYLEEF! BUT WHY!?
GRR
GRR
WHEN POKÉMON OF SIMILAR BACKGROUND MEET, PEER PRESSURE PUSHES THEM TO EVOLVE TOGETHER.
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THE PHENOMENON BUT...!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE LOGIC OF IT!!
WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO BEAT THIS GIANT BIRD!!
SILVER, TELL ME!!
YOU WERE ALWAYS BLABBERING ABOUT THE VITAL SPOT WHERE EACH POKÉMON'S "LIFE ENERGY" IS CONCENTRATED.
THIS BIRD HAS IT TOO, HASN'T IT!?
I'M GONNA CAPTURE THIS BIRD ONCE AND FOR ALL!!


IT'S THE FORE-HEAD!!
TO ENSURE A CAPTURE, YOU'VE GOTTA AIM FOR THAT SPOT!!
AIM FOR THE FOREHEAD !!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
GO!!
ZOOOOM
SWING
BONG

OH NO!! I CAN'T AIM AS WELL WITHOUT MY CUE!!
ZA
A
SLIDESLIDE
COUNT ON ME !!
KWWN
KICK
GO!!

BO
OOM
WHIRL WHIRL
PLOP
YEAH!
WELL DONE, SUPER SERIOUS GAL!
THE TIMING WAS PERFECT!
...



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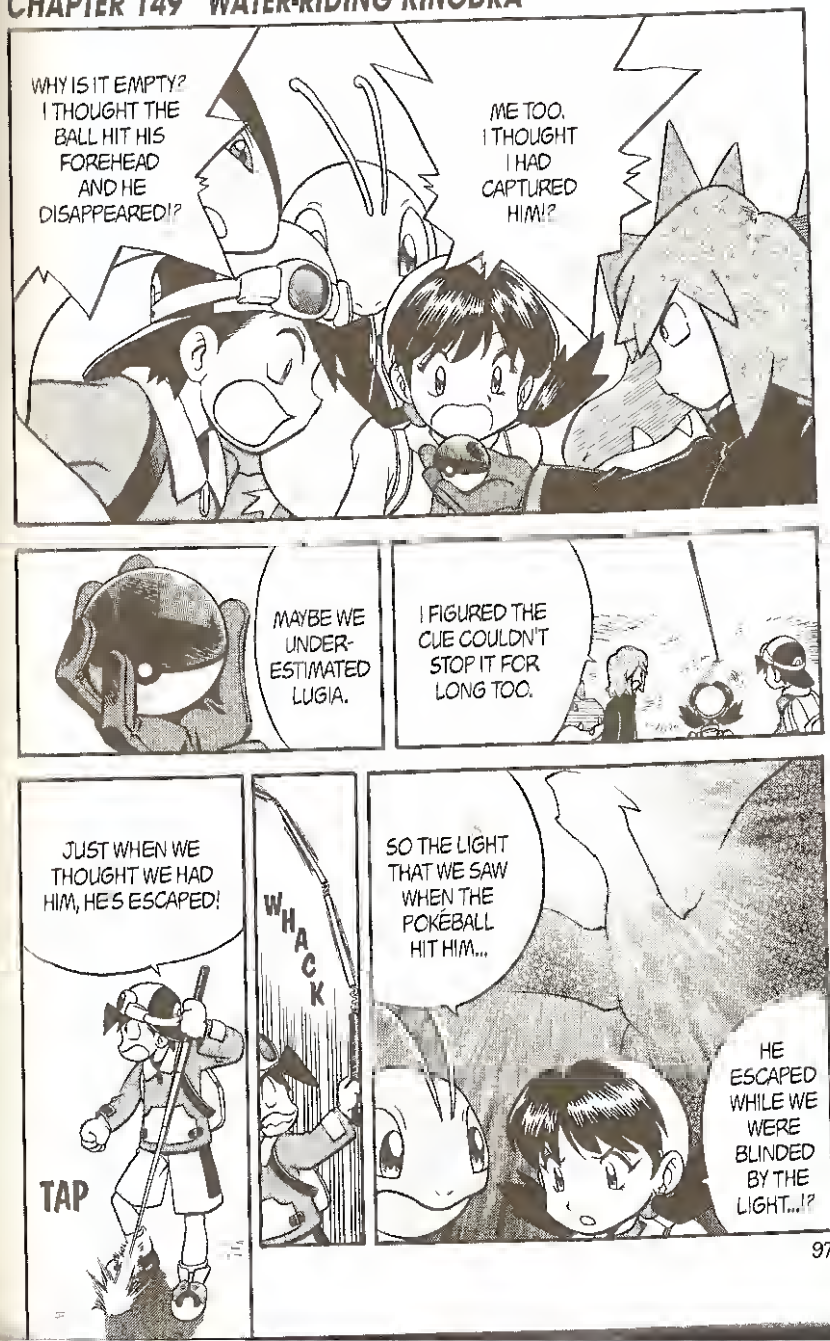
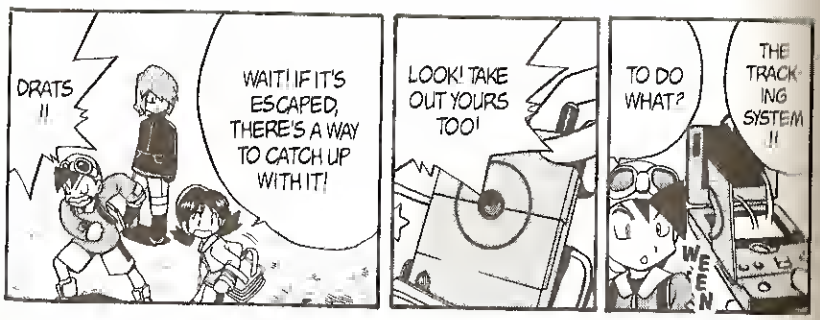

WHY IS IT EMPTY? I THOUGHT THE BALL HIT HIS FOREHEAD AND HE DISAPPEARED!?
ME TOO. I THOUGHT I HAD CAPTURED HIM!?
MAYBE WE UNDER-ESTIMATED LUGIA.
I FIGURED THE CUE COULDN'T STOP IT FOR LONG TOO.
JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT WE HAD HIM, HE'S ESCAPED!
TAP
WHACK
SO THE LIGHT THAT WE SAW WHEN THE POKÉBALL HIT HIM...
HE ESCAPED WHILE WE WERE BLINDED BY THE LIGHT...!?



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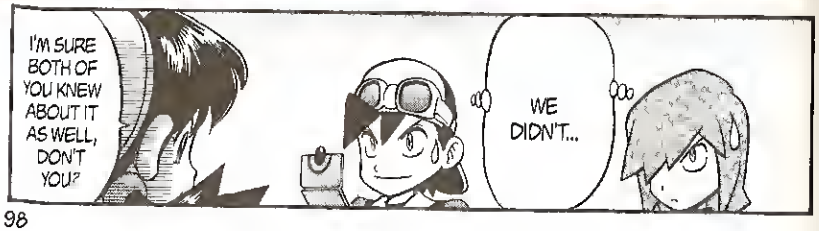
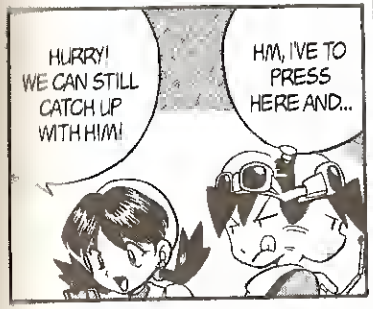
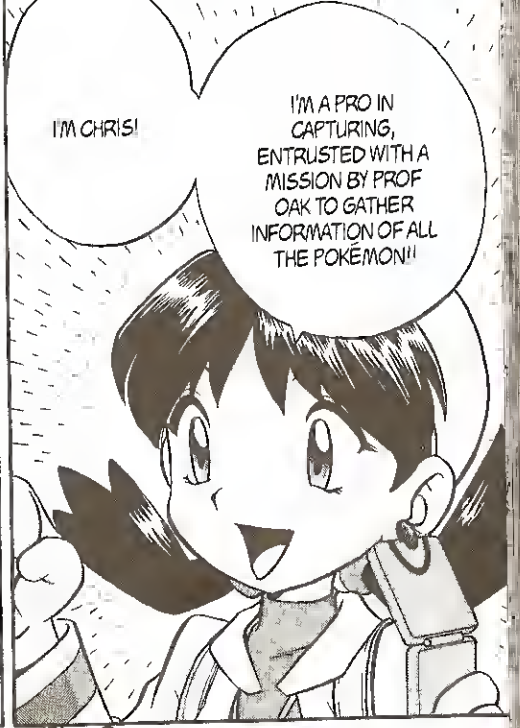
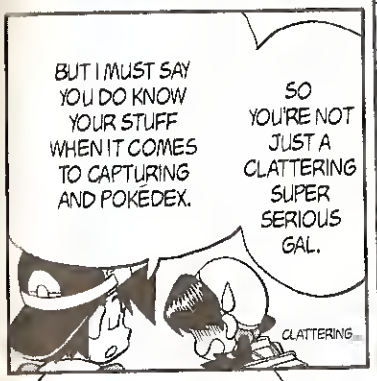
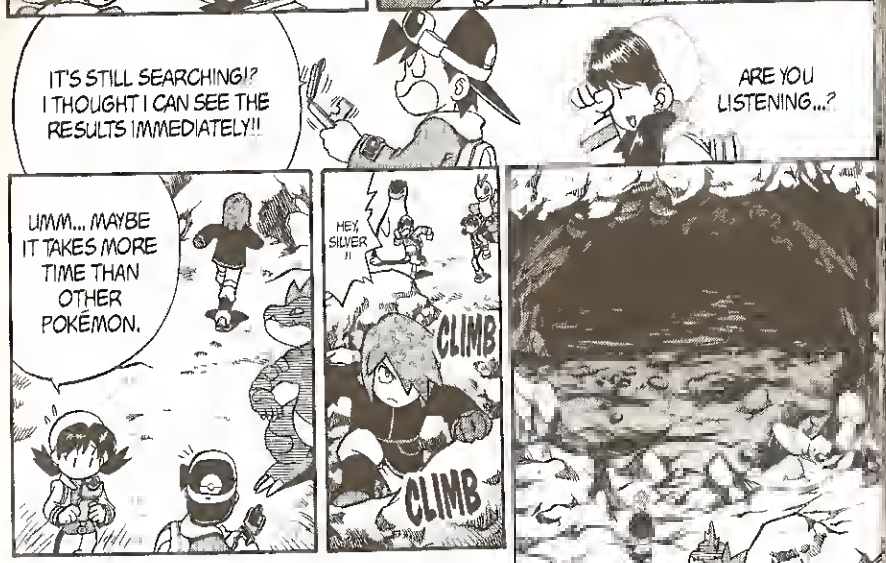
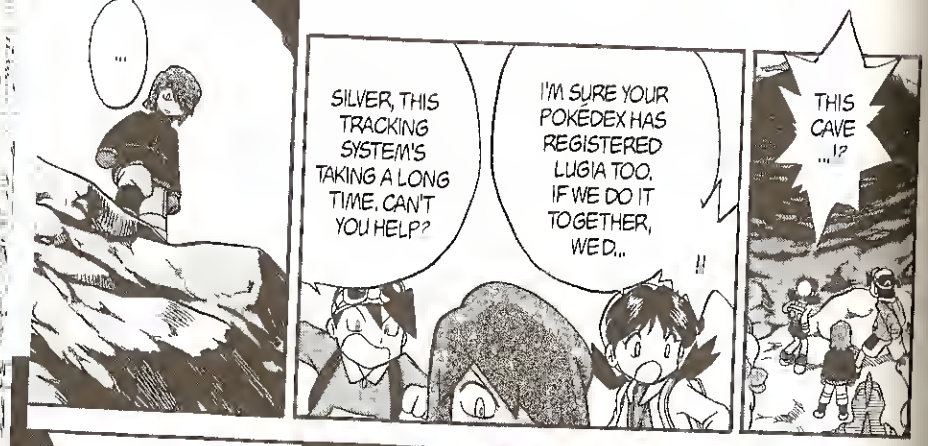




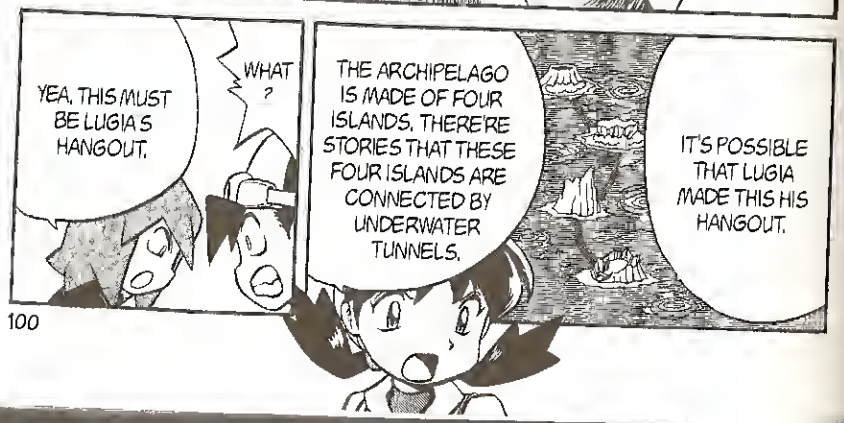


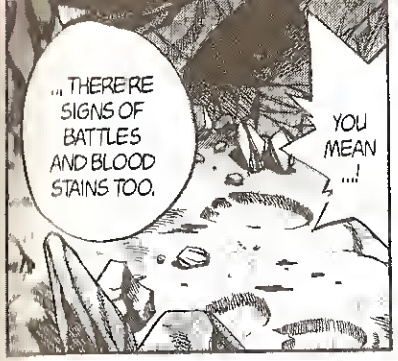

BUT I MUST SAY YOU DO KNOW YOUR STUFF WHEN IT COMES TO CAPTURING AND POKÉDEX.
SO YOU'RE NOT JUST A CLATTERING SUPER SERIOUS GAL.
CLATTERING

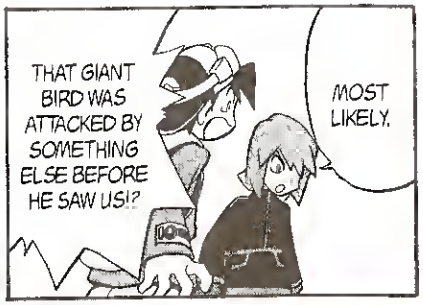

IT'S STILL SEARCHING!? I THOUGHT I CAN SEE THE RESULTS IMMEDIATELY!!
ARE YOU LISTENING...?
UMM... MAYBE IT TAKES MORE TIME THAN OTHER POKÉMON.
HEY, SILVER !!
CLIMB
CLIMB

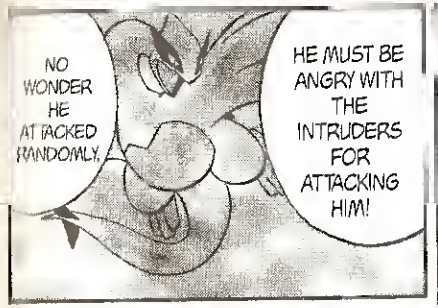

...
SILVER, THIS TRACKING SYSTEM'S TAKING A LONG TIME. CAN'T YOU HELP?
I'M SURE YOUR POKÉDEX HAS REGISTERED LUGIA TOO. IF WE DO IT TOGETHER, WE'D...
!!
THIS CAVE ...!?

TRAILS OF A GIANT POKÉMON'S CLAWS AND TAIL!
COULD IT BE...!!

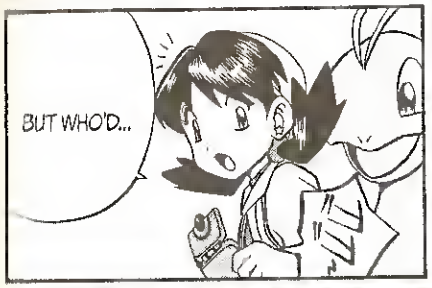

YEA. THIS MUST BE LUGIA'S HANGOUT.
WHAT ?
THE ARCHIPELAGO IS MADE OF FOUR ISLANDS. THERE'RE STORIES THAT THESE FOUR ISLANDS ARE CONNECTED BY UNDERWATER TUNNELS.
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT LUGIA MADE THIS HIS HANGOUT.

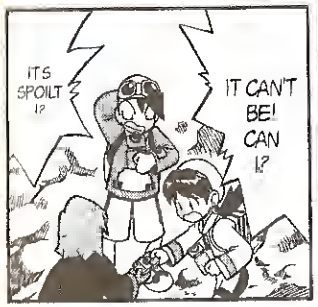

... THERE'RE SIGNS OF BATTLES AND BLOOD STAINS TOO.
YOU MEAN ...!

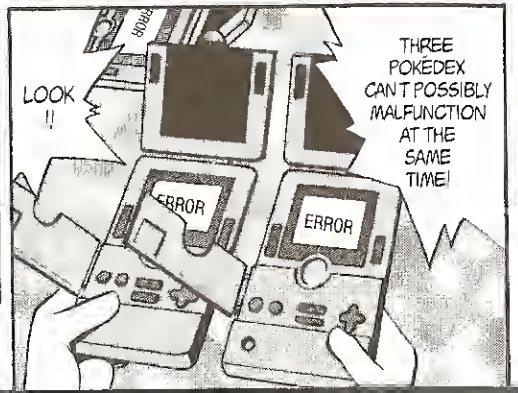

THAT GIANT BIRD WAS ATTACKED BY SOMETHING ELSE BEFORE HE SAW US!?
MOST LIKELY.

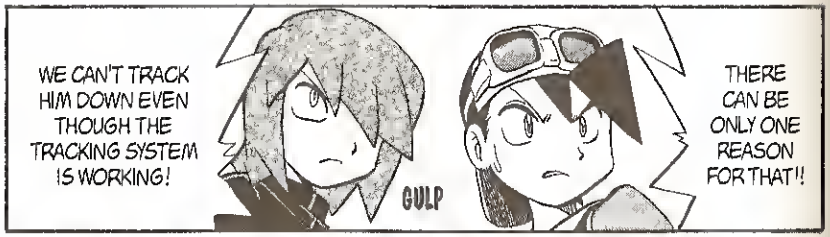

NO WONDER HE ATTACKED RANDOMLY.
HE MUST BE ANGRY WITH THE INTRUDERS FOR ATTACKING HIM!

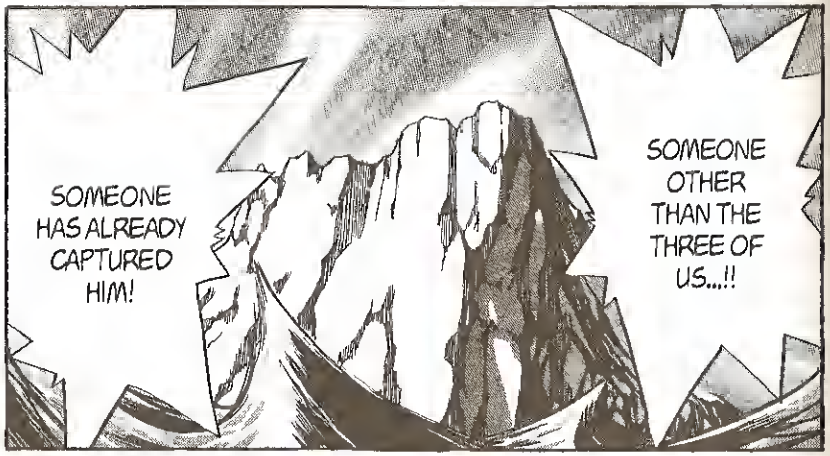
ERROR!?
ERROR
TRACKING FAILURE!?


BUT WHO'D...

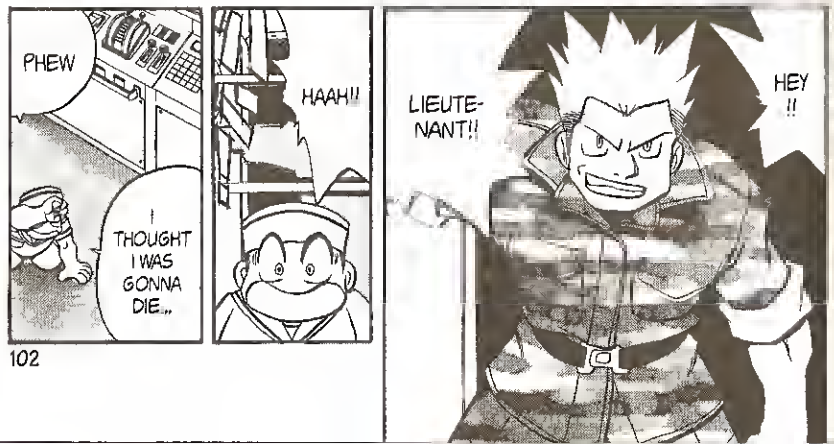

IT'S SPOILT !?
IT CAN'T BE! CAN I?

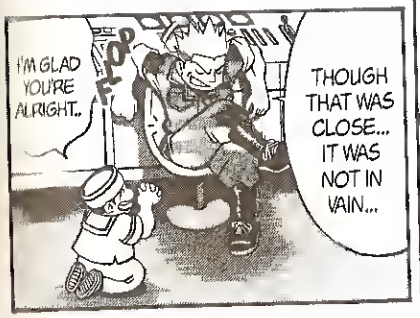

LOOK !!
ERROR
ERROR
THREE POKÉDEX CAN'T POSSIBLY MALFUNCTION AT THE SAME TIME!

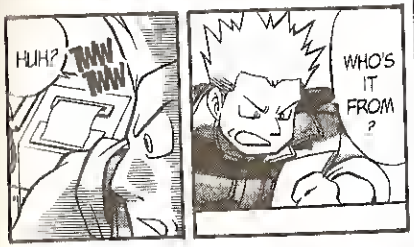

WE CAN'T TRACK HIM DOWN EVEN THOUGH THE TRACKING SYSTEM IS WORKING!
GULP
THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE REASON FOR THAT!!

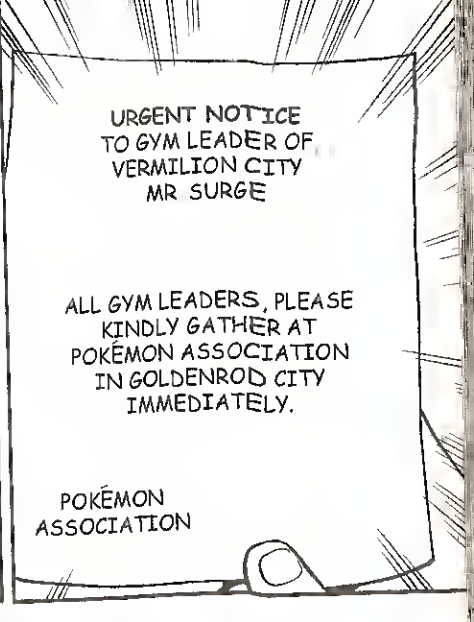

SOMEONE HAS ALREADY CAPTURED HIM!
SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE THREE OF US...!!

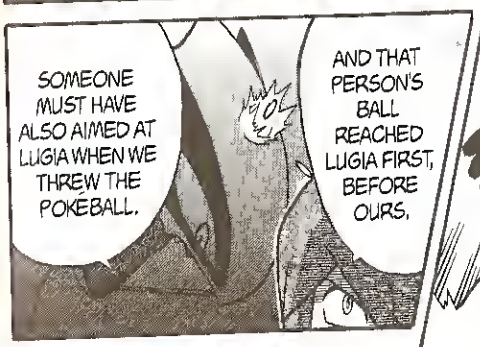
ZOOM


PHEW
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE...
HAAH!!
LIEUTE-NANT!!
HEY !!

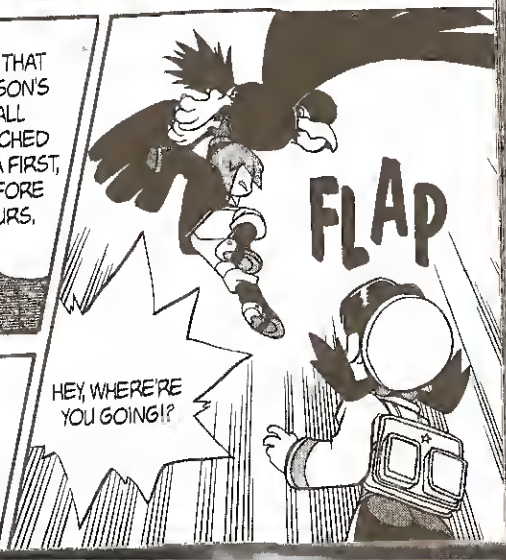

I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALRIGHT..
THOUGH THAT WAS CLOSE... IT WAS NOT IN VAIN...

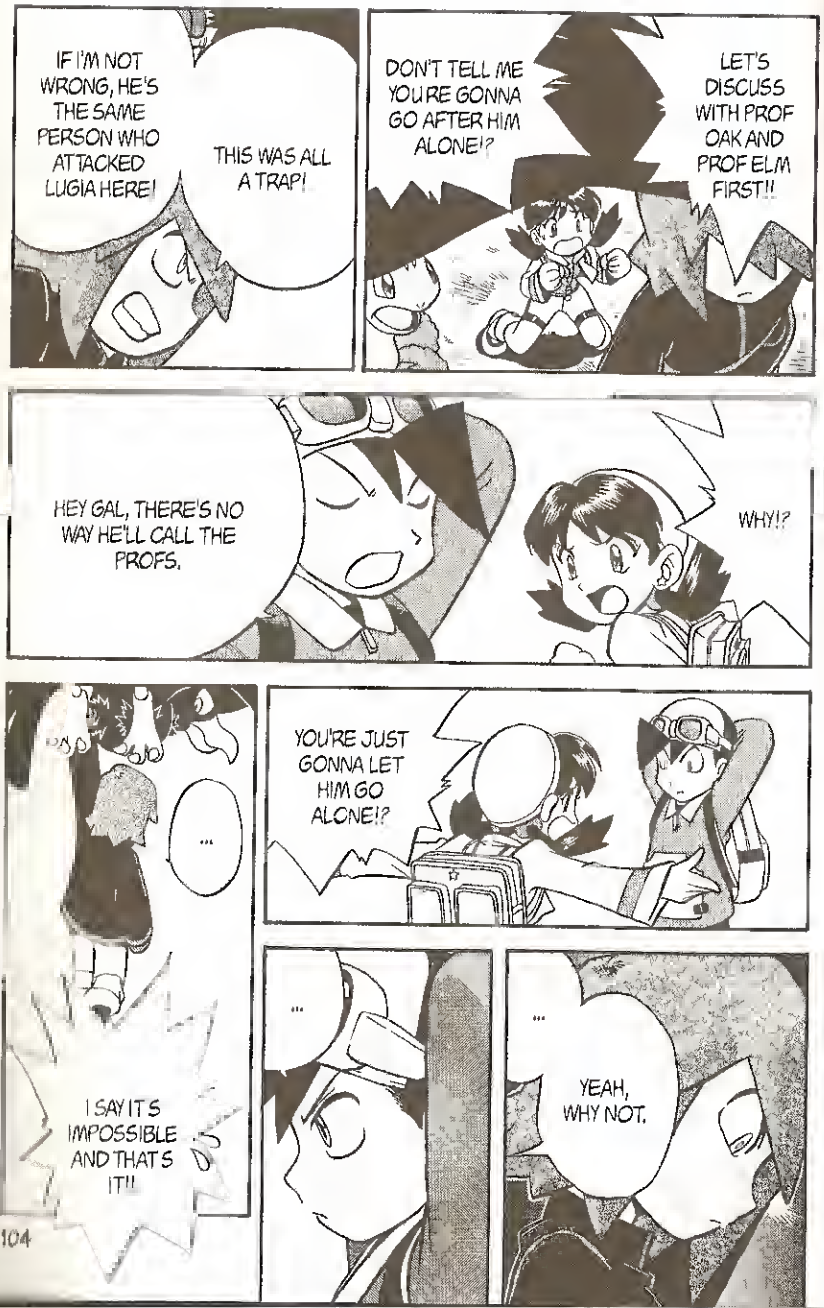

HUH?
WHO'S IT FROM ?

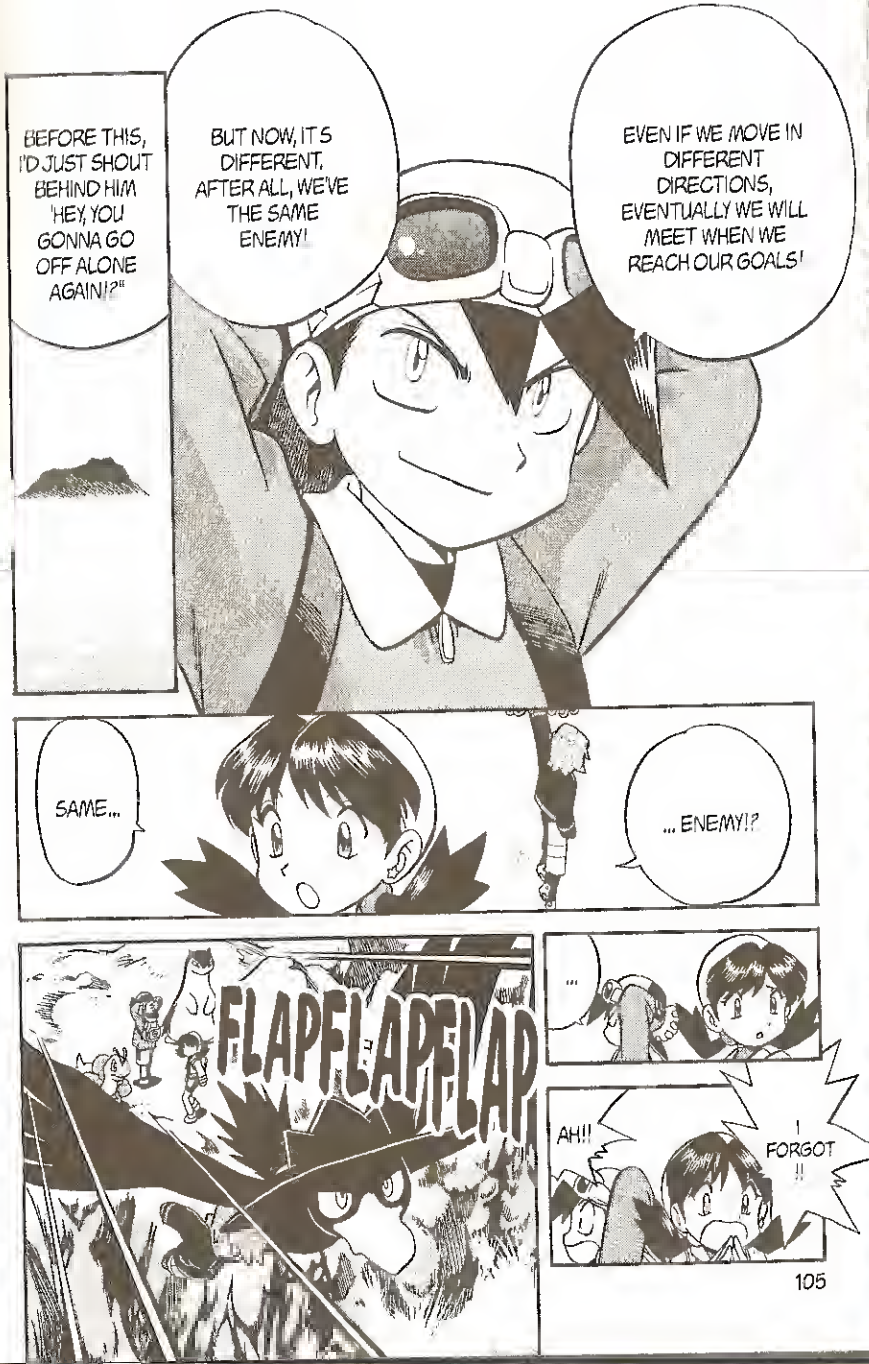

URGENT NOTICE TO GYM LEADER OF VERMILION CITY MR SURGE
ALL GYM LEADERS, PLEASE KINDLY GATHER AT POKÉMON ASSOCIATION IN GOLDENROD CITY IMMEDIATELY.
POKÉMON ASSOCIATION

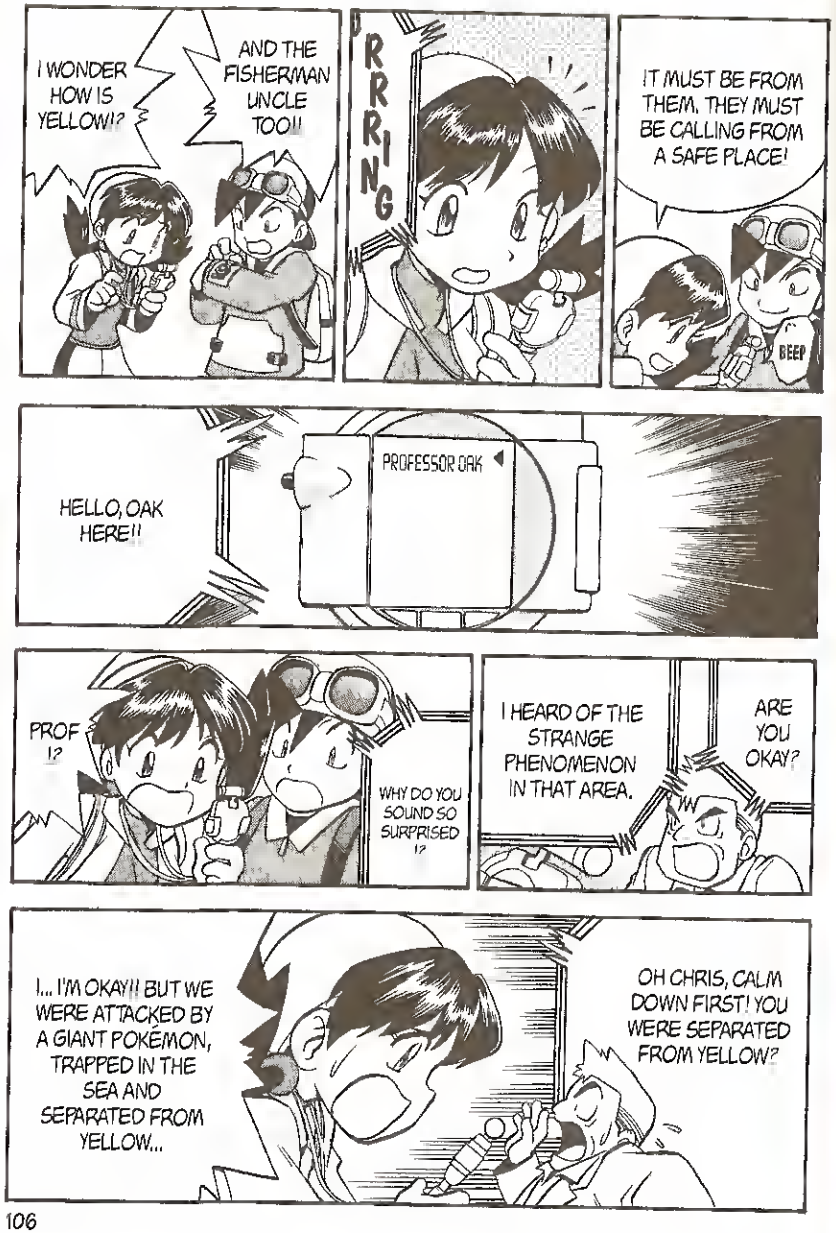

SOMEONE MUST HAVE ALSO AIMED AT LUGIA WHEN WE THREW THE POKÉBALL.
AND THAT PERSON'S BALL REACHED LUGIA FIRST, BEFORE OURS.

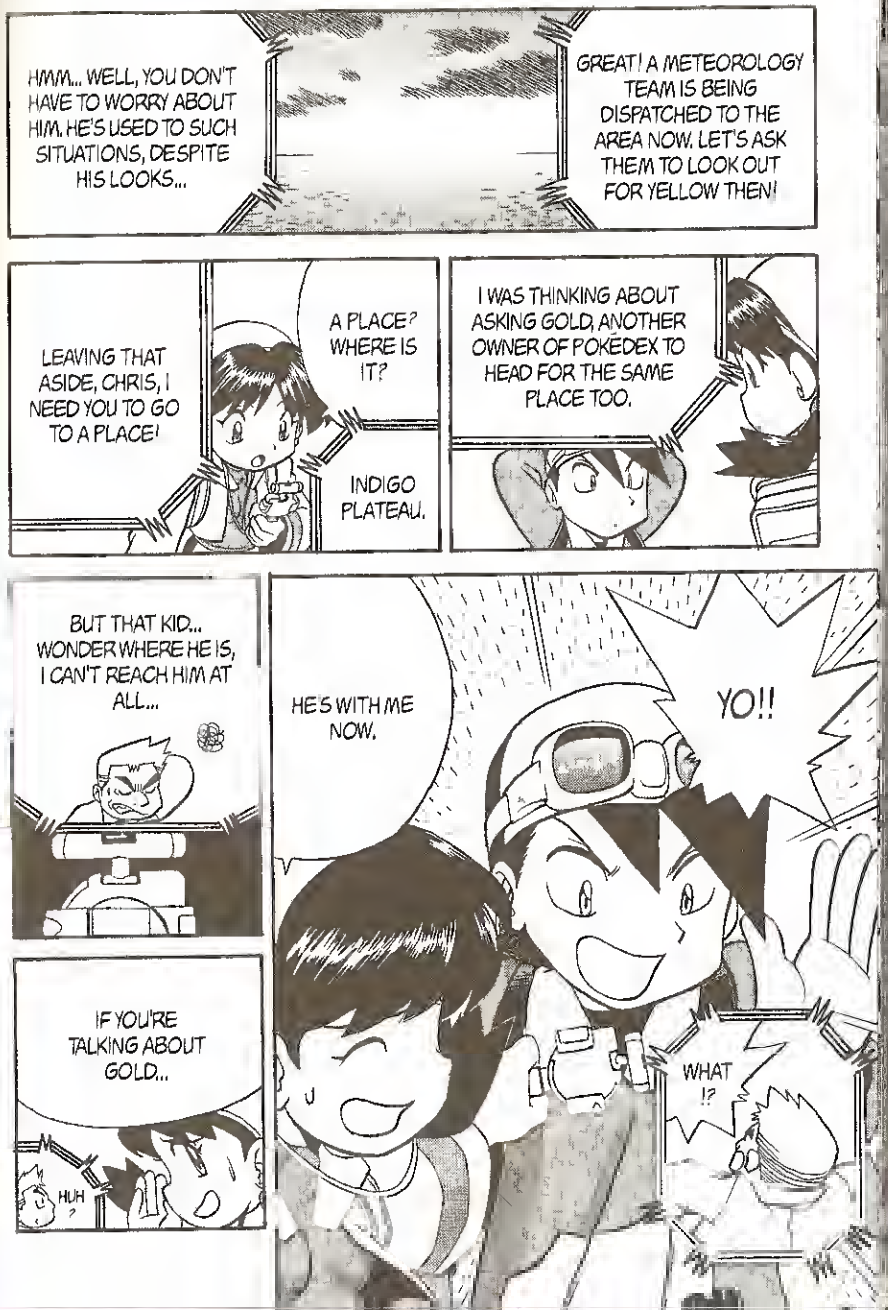
GRIP

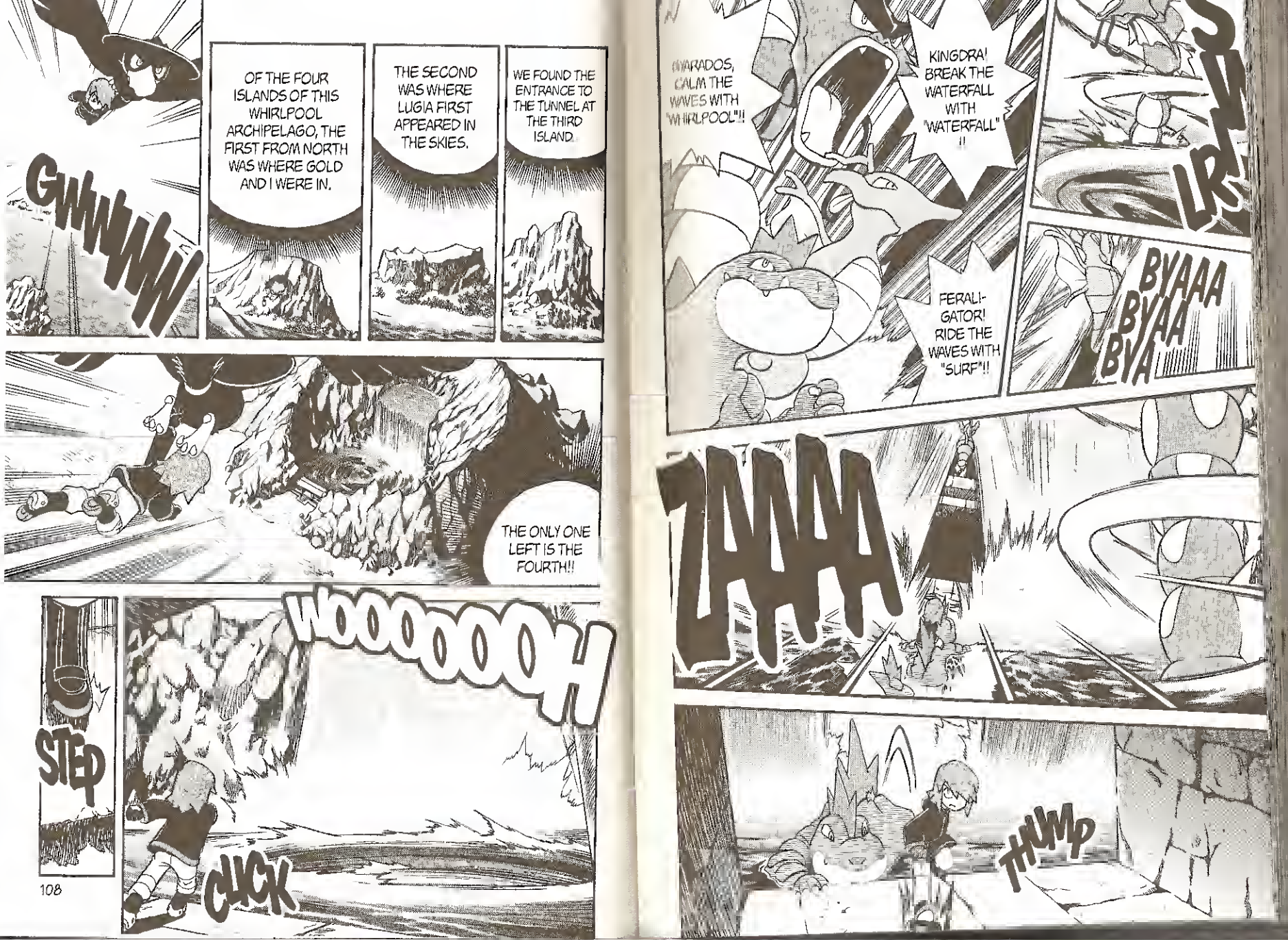

FLAP
HEY, WHERE'RE YOU GOING!?


IF I'M NOT WRONG, HE'S THE SAME PERSON WHO ATTACKED LUGIA HERE!
THIS WAS ALL A TRAP!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GONNA GO AFTER HIM ALONE!?
LET'S DISCUSS WITH PROF OAK AND PROF ELM FIRST!!
HEY GAL, THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL CALL THE PROFS.
WHY!?
...
I SAY IT'S IMPOSSIBLE AND THAT'S IT!!
YOU'RE JUST GONNA LET HIM GO ALONE!?
...
...
YEAH, WHY NOT.

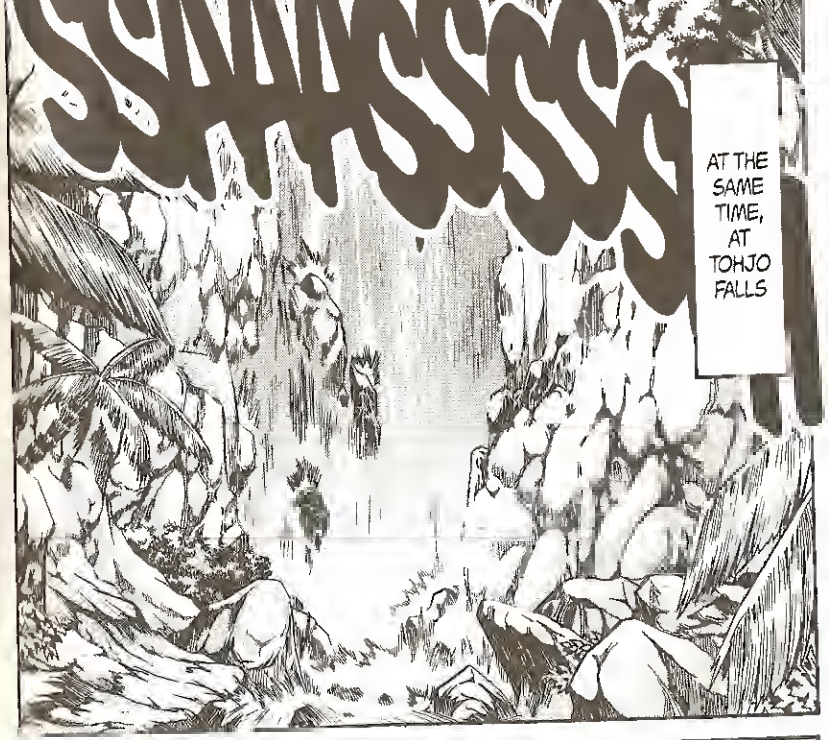

BEFORE THIS, I'D JUST SHOUT BEHIND HIM 'HEY, YOU GONNA GO OFF ALONE AGAIN!?"
BUT NOW, IT'S DIFFERENT. AFTER ALL, WE'VE THE SAME ENEMY!
EVEN IF WE MOVE IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, EVENTUALLY WE WILL MEET WHEN WE REACH OUR GOALS!
SAME...
... ENEMY!?
FLAPFLAPFLAP
...
AH!!
I FORGOT !!

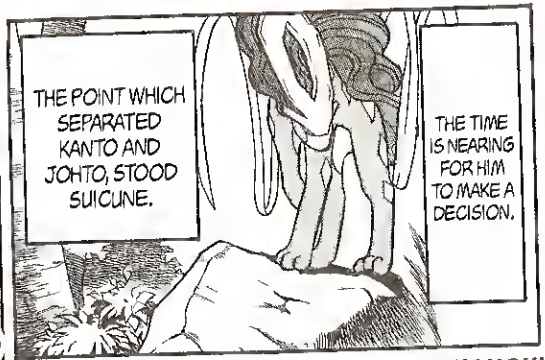

I WONDER HOW IS YELLOW!?
AND THE FISHERMAN UNCLE TOO!!
RRRING
IT MUST BE FROM THEM. THEY MUST BE CALLING FROM A SAFE PLACE!
BEEP
HELLO, OAK HERE!!
PROFESSOR OAK
PROF !?
WHY DO YOU SOUND SO SURPRISED !?
I HEARD OF THE STRANGE PHENOMENON IN THAT AREA.
ARE YOU OKAY?
I... I'M OKAY!! BUT WE WERE ATTACKED BY A GIANT POKÉMON, TRAPPED IN THE SEA AND SEPARATED FROM YELLOW...
OH CHRIS, CALM DOWN FIRST! YOU WERE SEPARATED FROM YELLOW?


HMM... WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM. HE'S USED TO SUCH SITUATIONS, DESPITE HIS LOOKS...
GREAT! A METEOROLOGY TEAM IS BEING DISPATCHED TO THE AREA NOW. LET'S ASK THEM TO LOOK OUT FOR YELLOW THEN!
LEAVING THAT ASIDE, CHRIS, I NEED YOU TO GO TO A PLACE!
A PLACE? WHERE IS IT?
INDIGO PLATEAU.
I WAS THINKING ABOUT ASKING GOLD, ANOTHER OWNER OF POKÉDEX TO HEAD FOR THE SAME PLACE TOO.
BUT THAT KID... WONDER WHERE HE IS, I CAN'T REACH HIM AT ALL...
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT GOLD...
HUH ?
HE'S WITH ME NOW.
YO!!
WHAT !?


GWWWWW
OF THE FOUR ISLANDS OF THIS WHIRLPOOL ARCHIPELAGO, THE FIRST FROM NORTH WAS WHERE GOLD AND I WERE IN.
THE SECOND WAS WHERE LUGIA FIRST APPEARED IN THE SKIES.
WE FOUND THE ENTRANCE TO THE TUNNEL AT THE THIRD ISLAND.
THE ONLY ONE LEFT IS THE FOURTH!!
STEP
WOOOOOOH
CLICK
GYARADOS, CALM THE WAVES WITH "WHIRLPOOL"!!
KINGDRA! BREAK THE WATERFALL WITH "WATERFALL" !!
FERALI-GATOR! RIDE THE WAVES WITH "SURF"!!
BYAAA BYAAA BYA
ZAAAA
THUMP

I'M BACK.
TO GET HERE, YOU NEED THREE DIFFERENT SEA TYPE POKEMON ...
... WHO CAN USE "WHIRLPOOL", "WATERFALL" AND "SURF".
YOU'VE FINALLY LEARNT HOW TO GET TO THIS SECRET ROOM BY YOURSELF.
SILVER!!
ZWA

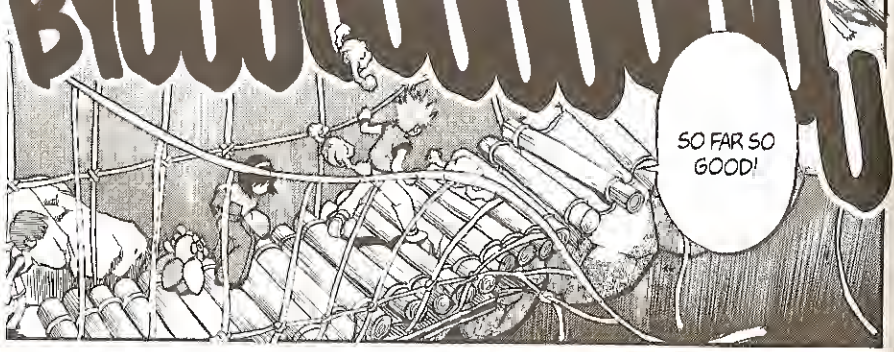




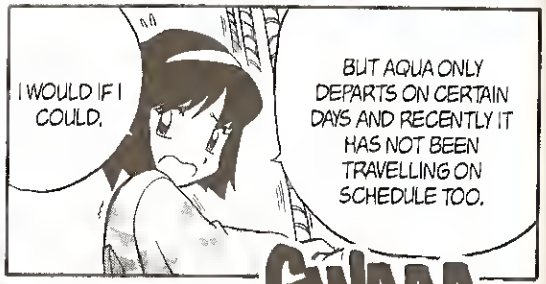
CHAPTER 150 LIGHT UP MY DAYS, CHINCHOU!

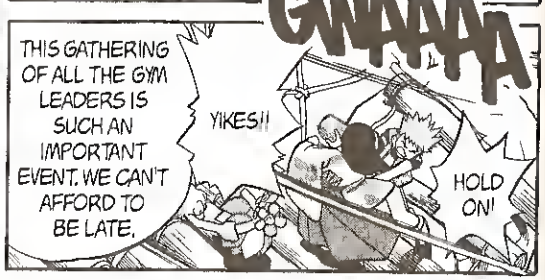
HE HAS TO DECIDE WHICH TRAINER HE WANTS TO FIGHT THE BATTLE WITH.
THE TRAINER WHO WILL BECOME HIS PARNTER.
WE'VE FINALLY REACHED THE TOHJO FALLS.
SSSAAAAAAAASSSSSHH
LET'S HURRY, BROCK, MISTY.
BUT THE FALLS SEEM EVEN MORE TREACHEROUS THAN WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE RUMORS...
CHAPTER 150
LIGHT UP MY DAYS, CHINCHOU!

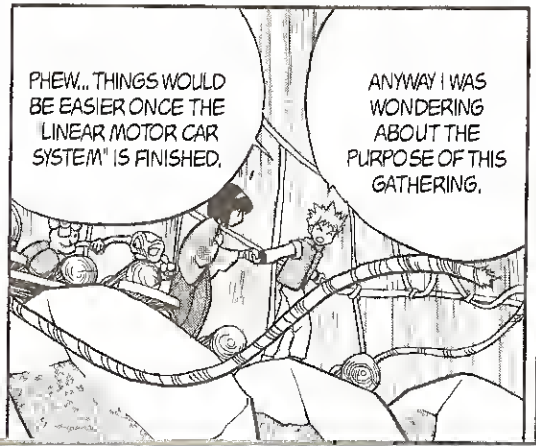
WE SHOULD BE REACHING THE BRIDGE SOON.
URH!!
LOOK, THE BRIDGE!!
WE CAN'T CROSS NOW!!
WHAT SHALL WE DO?
SSAAAAAASSH
I THINK THE ONLY WAY IS TO DETOUR AND TAKE A LONGER ROUTE.
BUT THERE ISN'T ANY OTHER ROUTE WE CAN TAKE ON THE MAP.
IF YOU TRUST ME, WE CAN TRY WITH SOME HELP FROM THIS GUY.
ONIX!!
BOOM
STEP


SO FAR SO GOOD!

ERIKA, DON'T YOU THINK IT'D BE BETTER IF WE WAITED FOR AQUA.


I WOULD IF I COULD.
BUT AQUA ONLY DEPARTS ON CERTAIN DAYS AND RECENTLY IT HAS NOT BEEN TRAVELLING ON SCHEDULE TOO.


GWAAAA
THIS GATHERING OF ALL THE GYM LEADERS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT EVENT. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE LATE.
YIKES!!
HOLD ON!


PHEW... THINGS WOULD BE EASIER ONCE THE "LINEAR MOTOR CAR SYSTEM" IS FINISHED.
ANYWAY I WAS WONDERING ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF THIS GATHERING.

RIGHT, MISTY?

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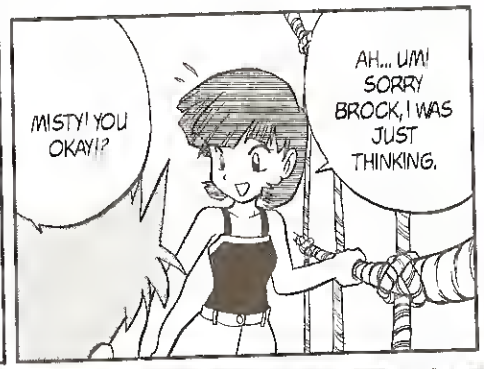
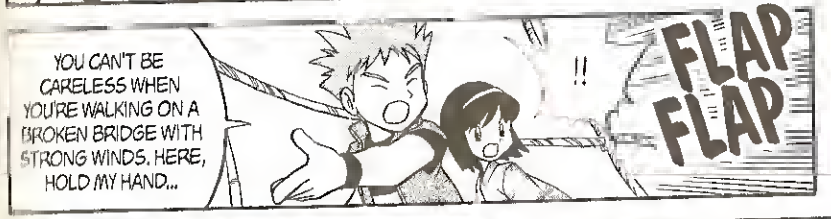
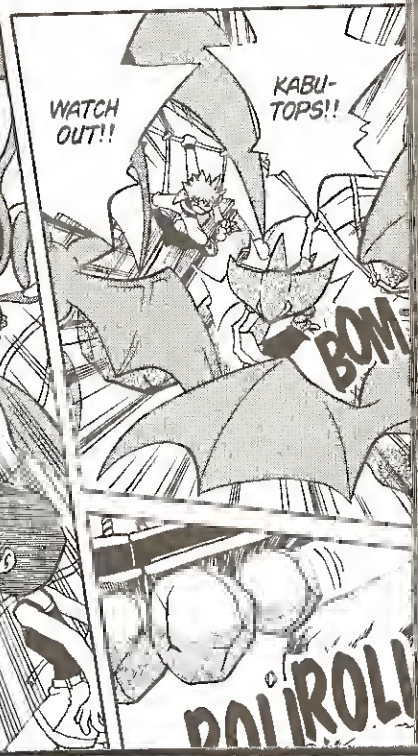
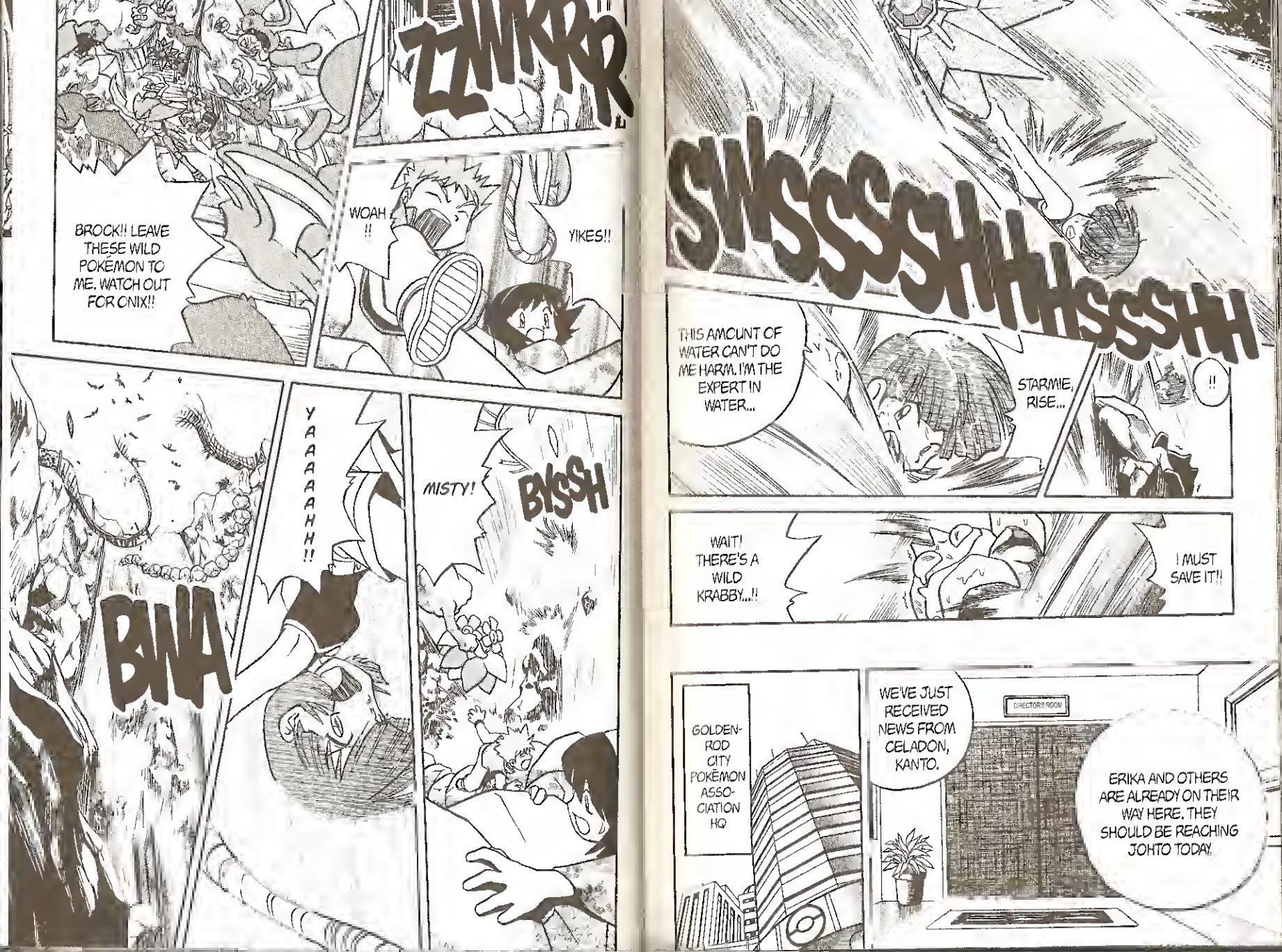
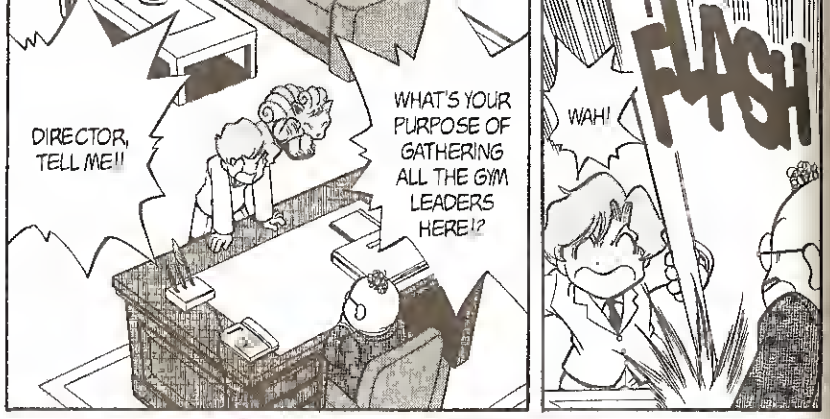

MISTY! YOU OKAY!?
AH... UM! SORRY BROCK, I WAS JUST THINKING.


YOU CAN'T BE CARELESS WHEN YOU'RE WALKING ON A BROKEN BRIDGE WITH STRONG WINDS. HERE, HOLD MY HAND...
!!
FLAP FLAP

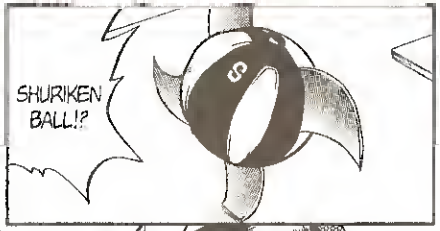
JAW


WATCH OUT!!
KABU-TOPS!!
BOM
ROLI


ZZWKRR
BROCK!! LEAVE THESE WILD POKÉMON TO ME. WATCH OUT FOR ONIX!!
WOAH !!
YIKES!!
BYSSH
MISTY!
YAAAAAHH!!
BANA
SWSSSSHHHSSSHH
THIS AMOUNT OF WATER CAN'T DO ME HARM. I'M THE EXPERT IN WATER...
STARMIE, RISE...
!!
WAIT! THERE'S A WILD KRABBY...!!
I MUST SAVE IT!!
GOLDEN-ROD CITY POKÉMON ASSO-CIATION HQ
WE'VE JUST RECEIVED NEWS FROM CELADON, KANTO.
DIRECTOR'S ROOM
ERIKA AND OTHERS ARE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY HERE. THEY SHOULD BE REACHING JOHTO TODAY.

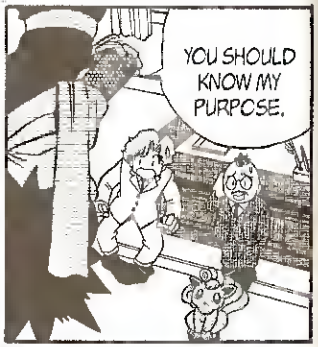

DIRECTOR, TELL ME!!
WHAT'S YOUR PURPOSE OF GATHERING ALL THE GYM LEADERS HERE!?

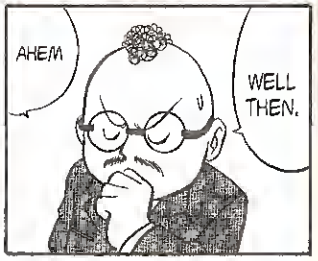
WAH!
FLASH

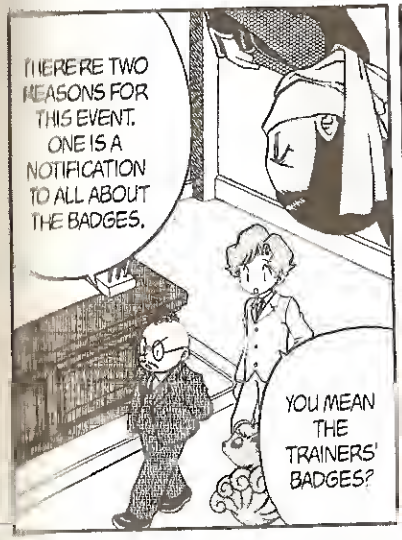

SHURIKEN BALL!?

APOLOGIES FOR INTERRUPTING.

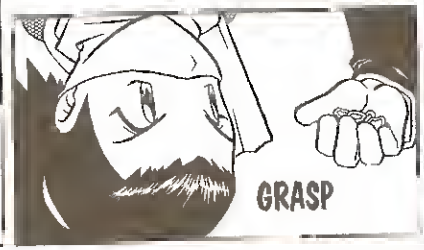
YOU, YOU ARE THE NEW LEADER OF FUCHSIA...
JANINE!!

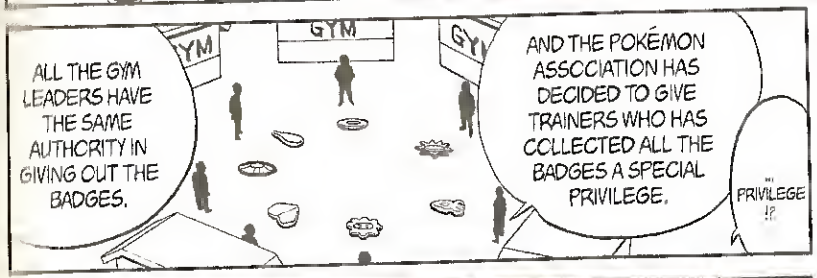

YOU SHOULD KNOW MY PURPOSE.

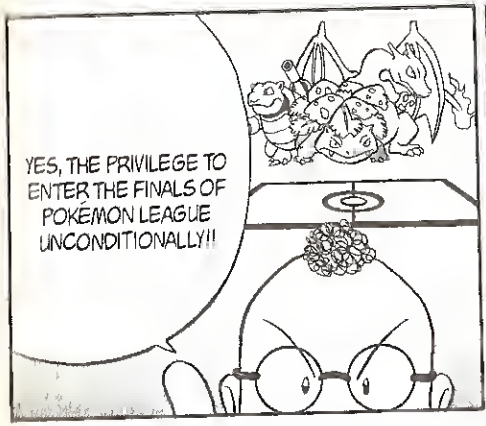

AHEM
WELL THEN.

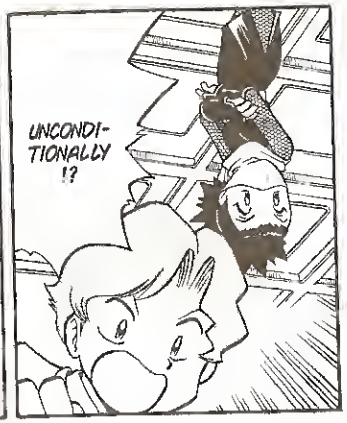

THERE'RE TWO REASONS FOR THIS EVENT. ONE IS A NOTIFICATION TO ALL ABOUT THE BADGES.
YOU MEAN THE TRAINERS' BADGES?

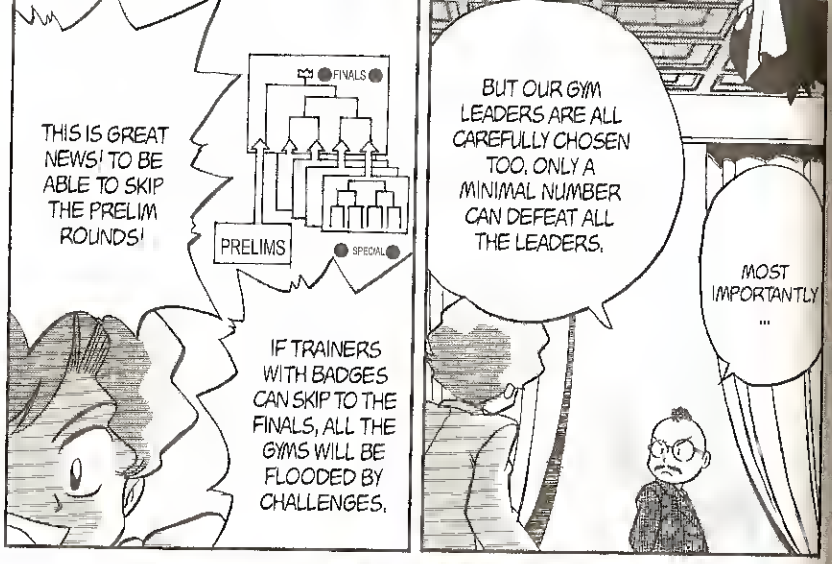
YES. TRAINERS WHO CHALLENGED GYM LEADERS AND THOUGHT TO BE WORTHY, WILL RECEIVE A BADGE.
NOD
JANINE, I'M SURE YOU HAVE THEM TOO.

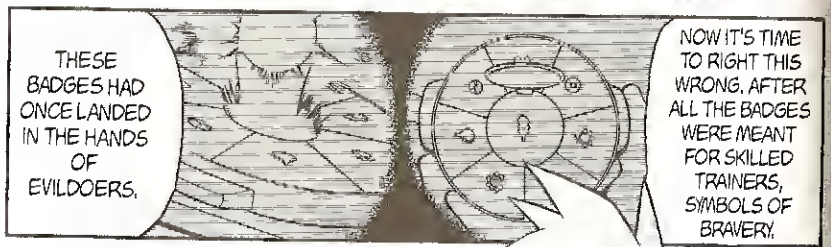

GRASP

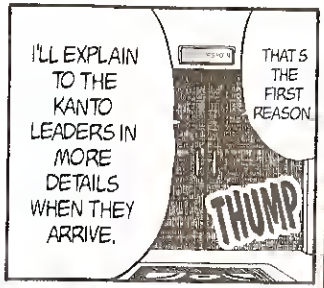

ALL THE GYM LEADERS HAVE THE SAME AUTHORITY IN GIVING OUT THE BADGES.
GYM
AND THE POKÉMON ASSCCIATION HAS DECIDED TO GIVE TRAINERS WHO HAS COLLECTED ALL THE BADGES A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE.
"PRIVILEGE"!?


YES, THE PRIVILEGE TO ENTER THE FINALS OF POKÉMON LEAGUE UNCONDITIONALLY!!

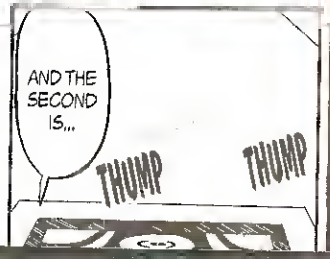

UNCONDI-TIONALLY!?

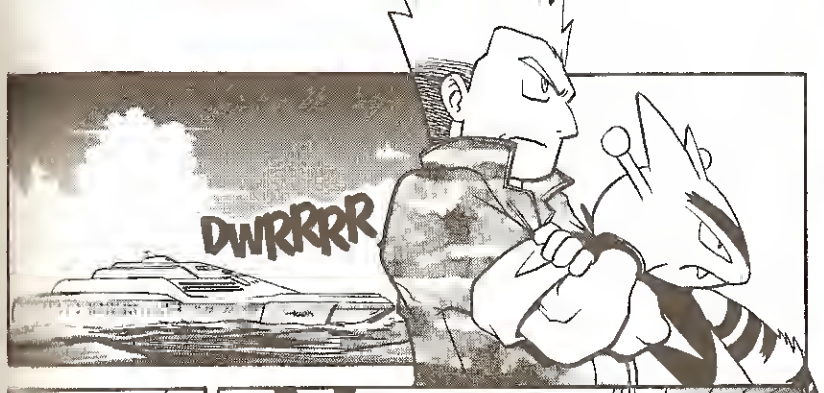

THIS IS GREAT NEWS! TO BE ABLE TO SKIP THE PRELIM ROUNDS!
FINALS
PRELIMS
SPECIAL
IF TRAINERS WITH BADGES CAN SKIP TO THE FINALS, ALL THE GYMS WILL BE FLOODED BY CHALLENGES.
BUT OUR GYM LEADERS ARE ALL CAREFULLY CHOSEN TOO. ONLY A MINIMAL NUMBER CAN DEFEAT ALL THE LEADERS.
MOST IMPORTANTLY ...


THESE BADGES HAD ONCE LANDED IN THE HANDS OF EVILDOERS.
NOW IT'S TIME TO RIGHT THIS WRONG. AFTER ALL THE BADGES WERE MEANT FOR SKILLED TRAINERS, SYMBOLS OF BRAVERY.


I'LL EXPLAIN TO THE KANTO LEADERS IN MORE DETAILS WHEN THEY ARRIVE.
THAT'S THE FIRST REASON.
THUMP

THIS IS IT...
D. REUTOR


AND THE SECOND IS...
THUMP
THUMP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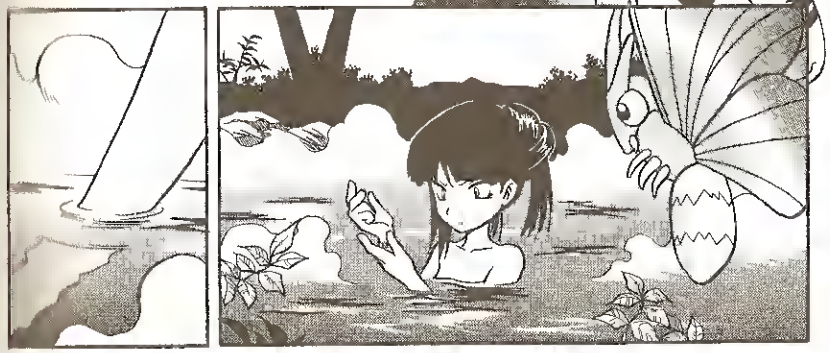
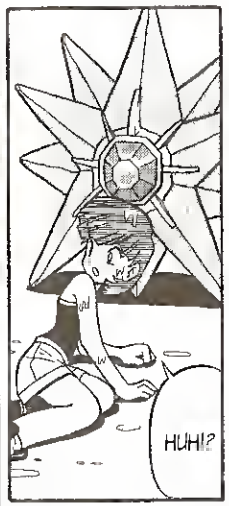
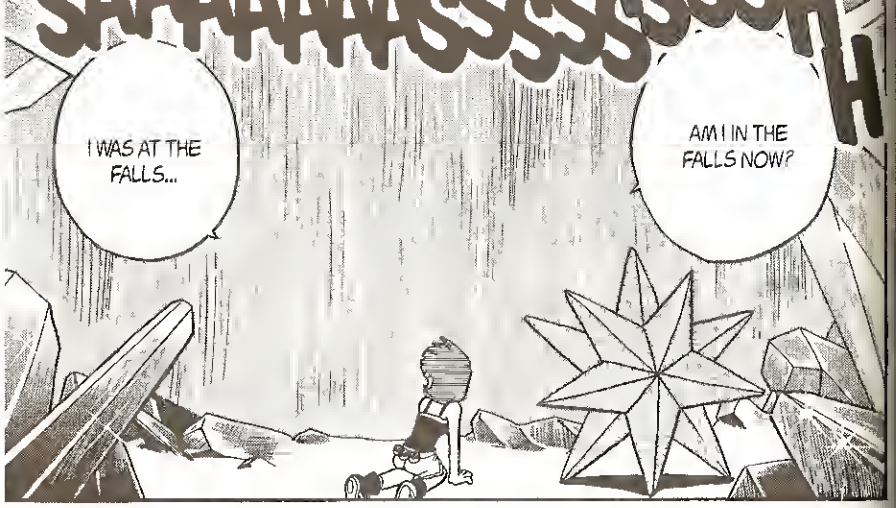
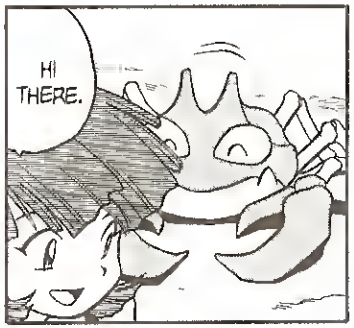


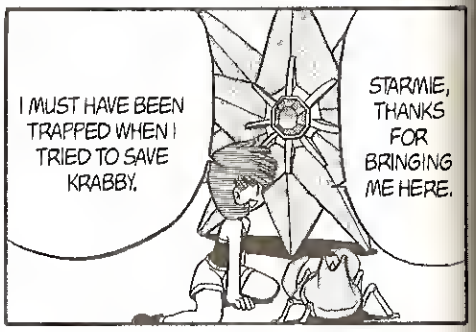
FREEZE

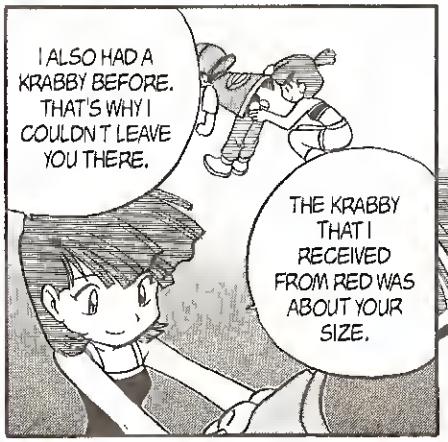
UH...
DROP

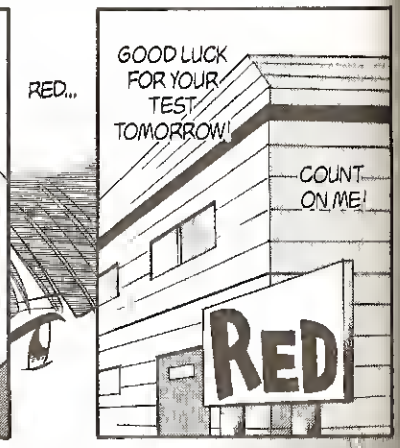

HUH!?

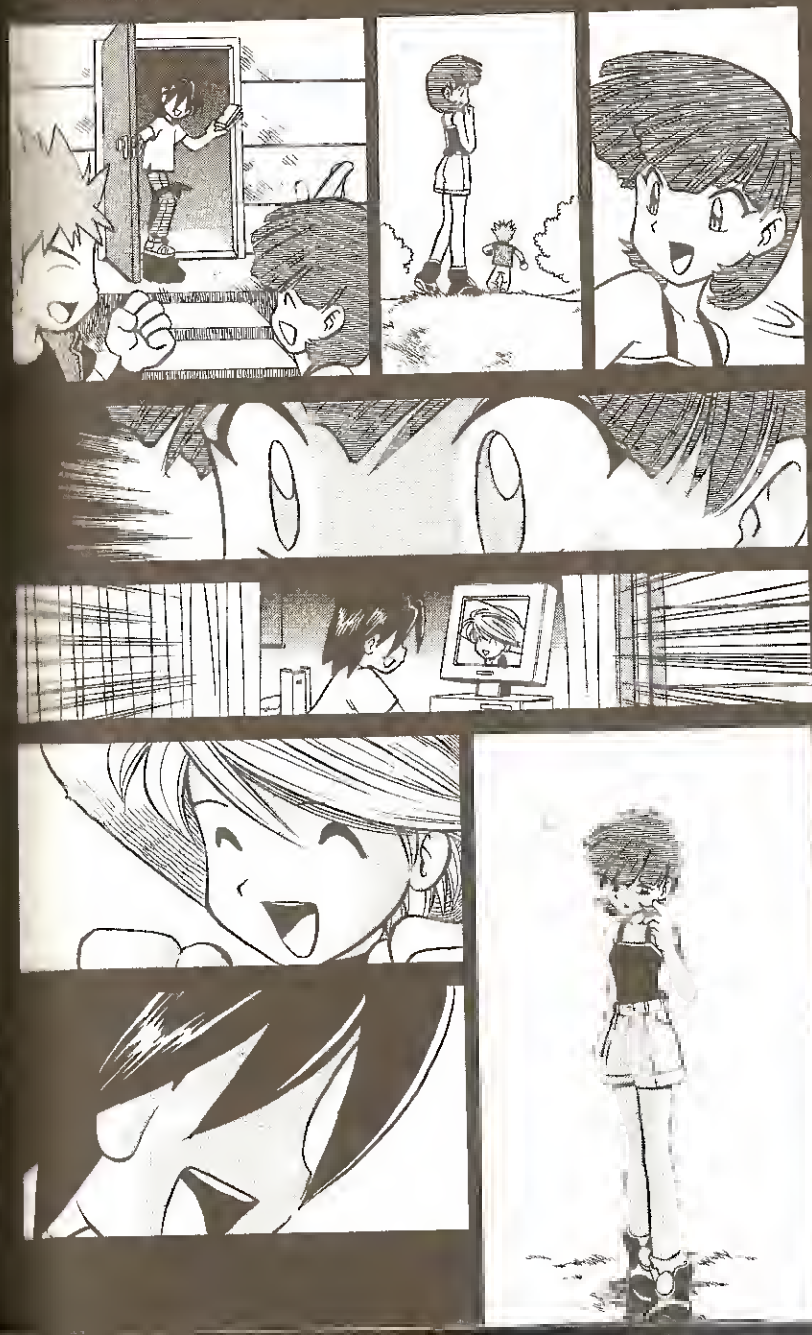

I WAS AT THE FALLS...
AM I IN THE FALLS NOW?

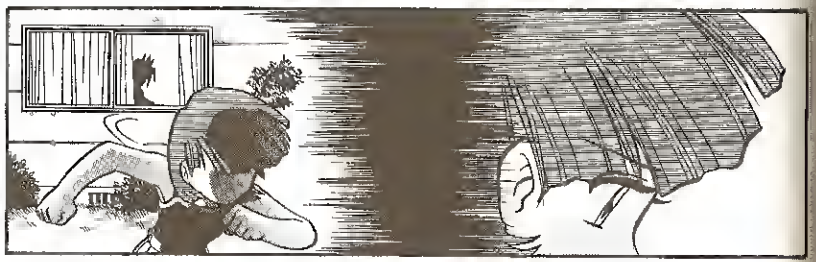

HI THERE.


I MUST HAVE BEEN TRAPPED WHEN I TRIED TO SAVE KRABBY.
STARMIE, THANKS FOR BRINGING ME HERE.

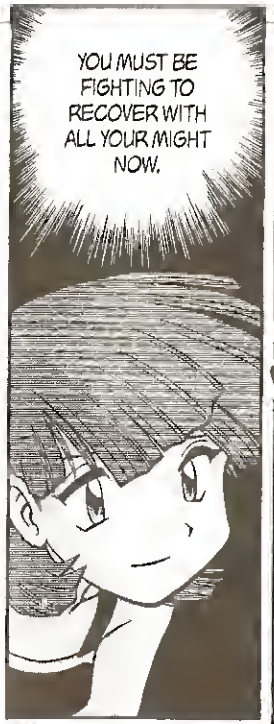

I ALSO HAD A KRABBY BEFORE. THAT'S WHY I COULDN'T LEAVE YOU THERE.
THE KRABBY THAT I RECEIVED FROM RED WAS ABOUT YOUR SIZE.


RED...
GOOD LUCK FOR YOUR TEST TOMORROW!
COUNT ON ME!
RED





RED, THE BATTLE WITH THE ELITE FOUR LEFT YOUR HANDS AND LIMBS BADLY INJURED.
YOU WERE ASSAULTED WITH AN ATTACK THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE USED ON A POKÉMON. IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN WORSE.


YOU MUST BE FIGHTING TO RECOVER WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT NOW.

LET'S GO. WE NEED TO GET BACK TO WHERE THEY ARE.

ZSSSSS

ZSSSSSSSSSS
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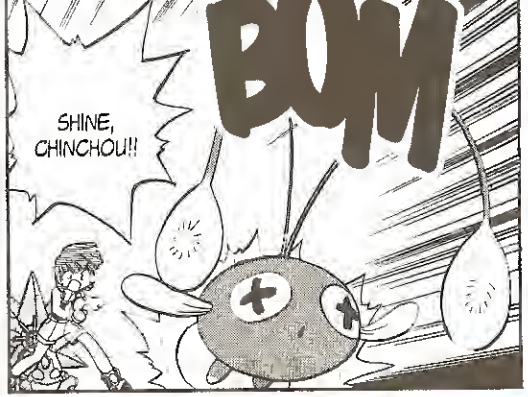
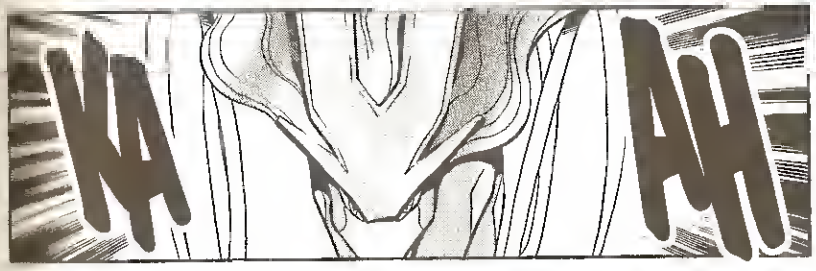
ZSSS


SHINE, CHINCHOU!!
BOM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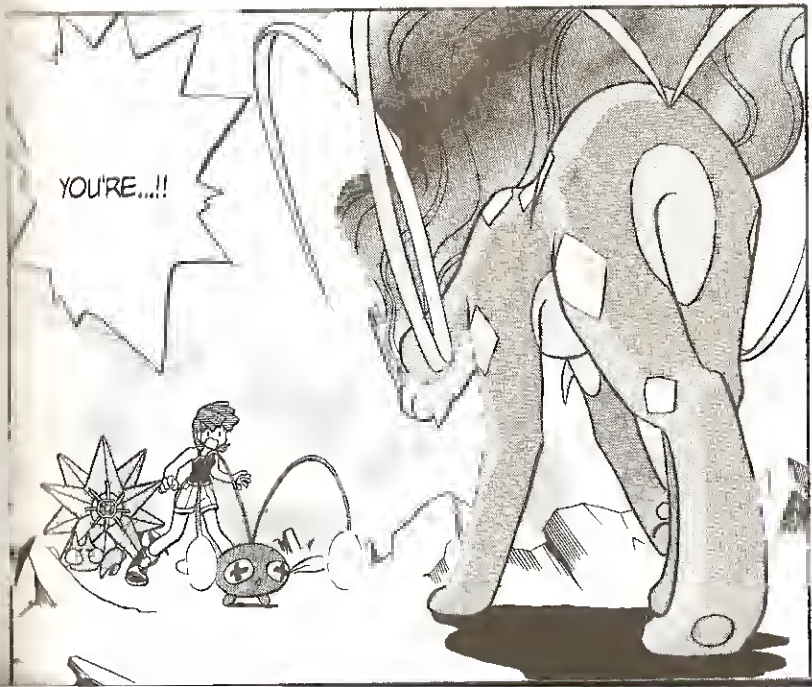
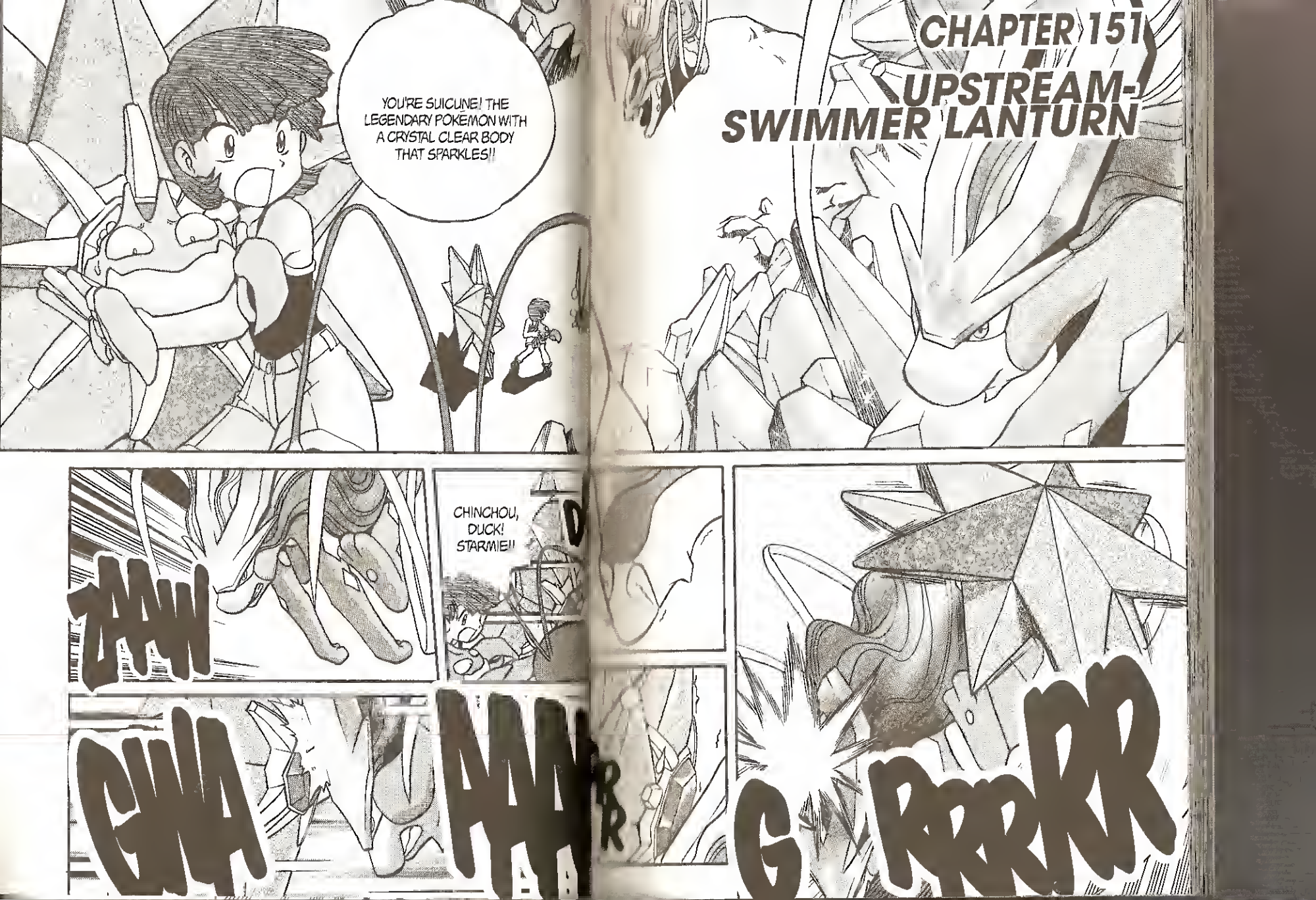
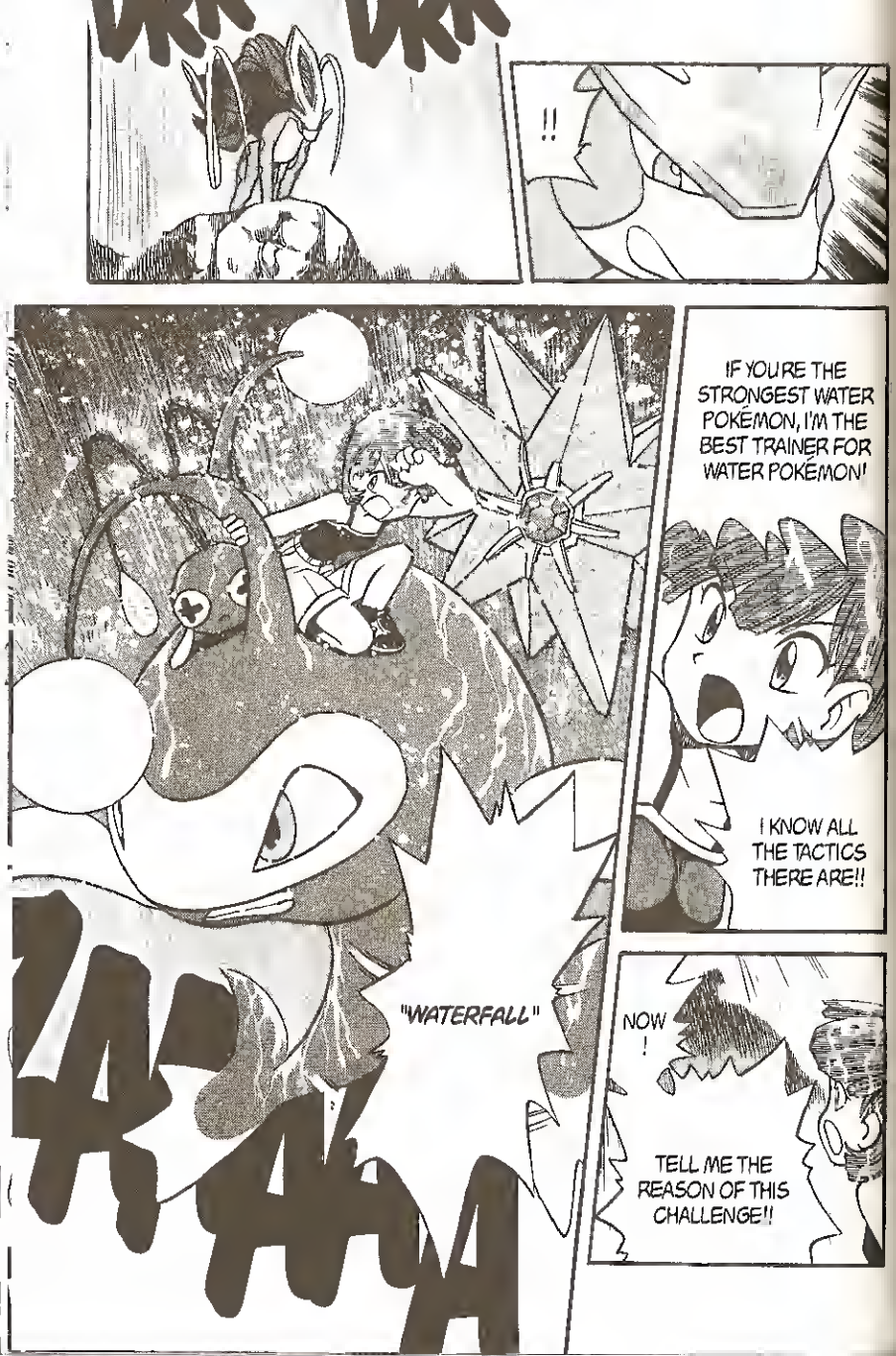
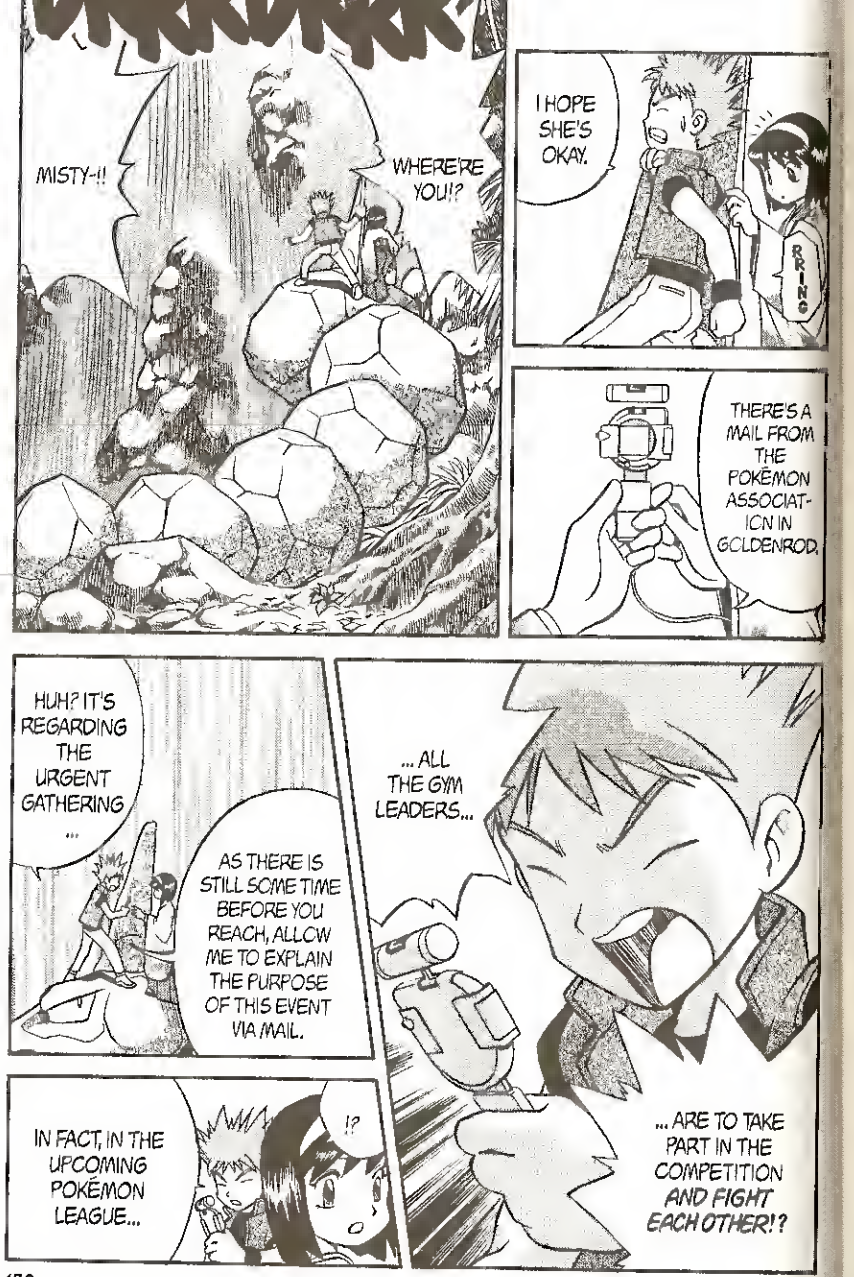

YOU'RE...!!

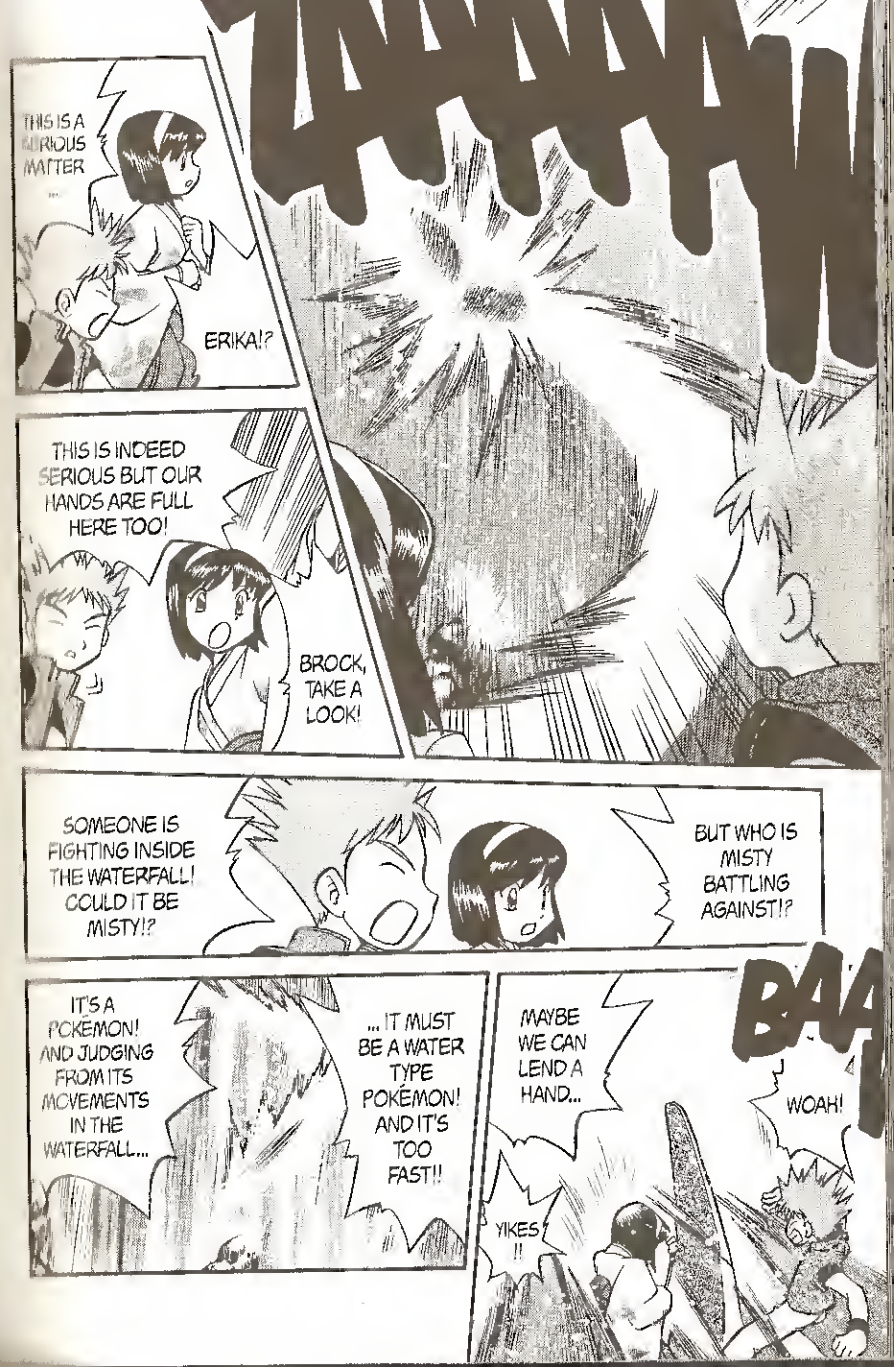

YOU'RE SUICUNE! THE LEGENDARY POKÉMON WITH A CRYSTAL CLEAR BODY THAT SPARKLES!!
CHAPTER 151
UPSTREAM-SWIMMER LANTURN
CHINCHOU, DUCK! STARMIE!!
AAW
GWA
AAA
RR
G
RRRRR

AAH!!
STARMIE'S NEVER LOST IN STRENGTH!
LANTURN !!
"HYDRO PUMP" !!
KAAA
BLAAA
BAAAW BAAAW BAA
"HYDRO PUMP" VS "HYDRO PUMP"!!
LOOKING AT THE WATER STRENGTH, NO WONDER HE'S KNOWN AS THE WATER POKÉMON, SUICUNE!
THE SPEED WHEN HE PLUNGED FOR THE ATTACK!
BAAW BAAW BAAW
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...
... YOU'RE THE STRONGEST WATER POKÉMON I'VE MET!!
YAAAAAAAH!!
DO
NYUUS


!!
IF YOU'RE THE STRONGEST WATER POKÉMON, I'M THE BEST TRAINER FOR WATER POKÉMON!
I KNOW ALL THE TACTICS THERE ARE!!
"WATERFALL"
NOW !
TELL ME THE REASON OF THIS CHALLENGE!!

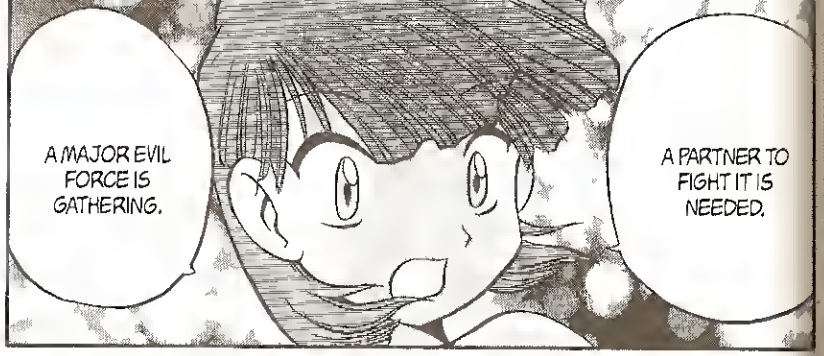
...
ATTACKING IN THE WATERFALL!?
THUMP
HE'S STRONG !
BUT THERE'S NO REASON LANTURN CAN LOOSE A BATTLE HERE!!


MISTY-!!
WHERE'RE YOU!?
I HOPE SHE'S OKAY.
RRING
THERE'S A MAIL FROM THE POKÉMON ASSOCIAT-ION IN GOLDENROD.
HUH? IT'S REGARDING THE URGENT GATHERING ...
AS THERE IS STILL SOME TIME BEFORE YOU REACH, ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THIS EVENT VIA MAIL.
... ALL THE GYM LEADERS...
... ARE TO TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION AND FIGHT EACH OTHER!?
IN FACT, IN THE UPCOMING POKÉMON LEAGUE...
!?


ZAAAAAA
THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER ...
ERIKA!?
THIS IS INDEED SERIOUS BUT OUR HANDS ARE FULL HERE TOO!
BROCK, TAKE A LOOK!
SOMEONE IS FIGHTING INSIDE THE WATERFALL! COULD IT BE MISTY!?
BUT WHO IS MISTY BATTLING AGAINST!?
IT'S A POKÉMON! AND JUDGING FROM ITS MOVEMENTS IN THE WATERFALL...
... IT MUST BE A WATER TYPE POKÉMON! AND IT'S TOO FAST!!
MAYBE WE CAN LEND A HAND...
BAA
WOAH!
YIKES !!

AAA
SLOOSH
MISTY AND HER OPPONENT ARE FALLING!! WE MUST HELP THEM!
ONIX!!
GLUG GLUG GLUG GLUG
I'VE NOT LOST YET!
WATCH ME!!
ROOOAAR
EH!?

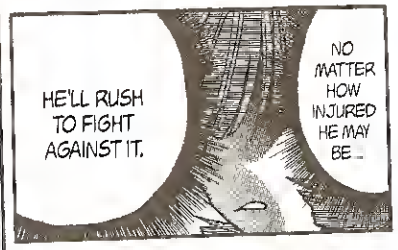
WHAT!?
HYUUUU
AH
WOOOSH
STARMIE IS REACTING!! THIS IS NOT AN ATTACK!
SUICUNE'S PSYCHIC WAVES!?
HYUUUU
SUI-CUNE!
HE'S TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING !
AND STARMIE IS WRITING HIS THOUGHTS IN ANCIENT STAR LANGUAGE!
KAAAAAAAW
A... MAJOR...

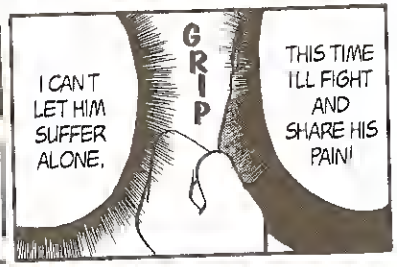

A MAJOR EVIL FORCE IS GATHERING.
A PARTNER TO FIGHT IT IS NEEDED.

PLEASE FIGHT WITH ME!
WHY ME?
BECAUSE YOU'RE THE EXPERT FOR WATER POKÉMON...
...AND YOU WILLINGLY RISKED YOURSELF TO SAVE AND PROTECT EVEN THE SMALLEST POKÉMON...

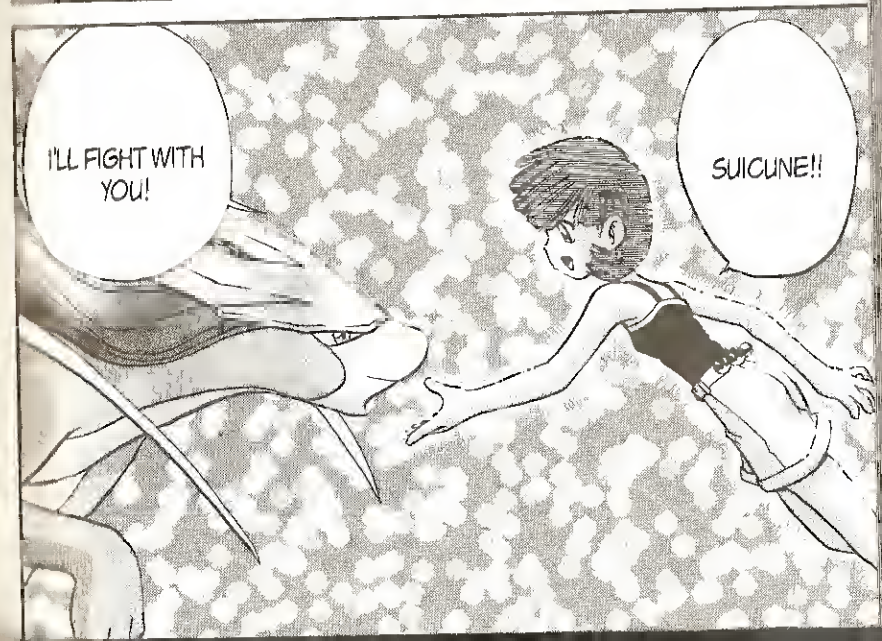
IS THAT TRUE?
NOD

IF HE WERE TO KNOW...
...ABOUT THIS EVIL FORCE...

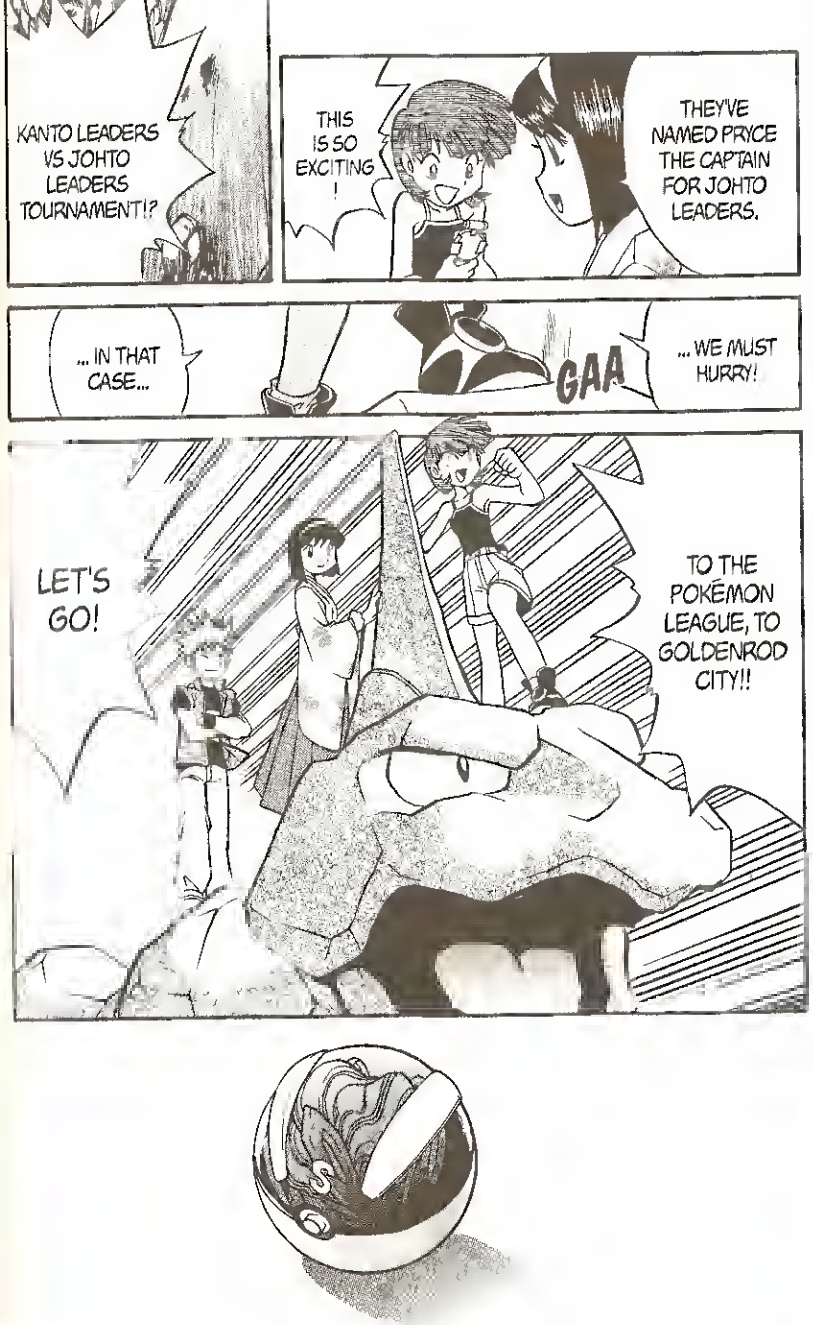

HE'LL RUSH TO FIGHT AGAINST IT.
NO MATTER HOW INJURED HE MAY BE...

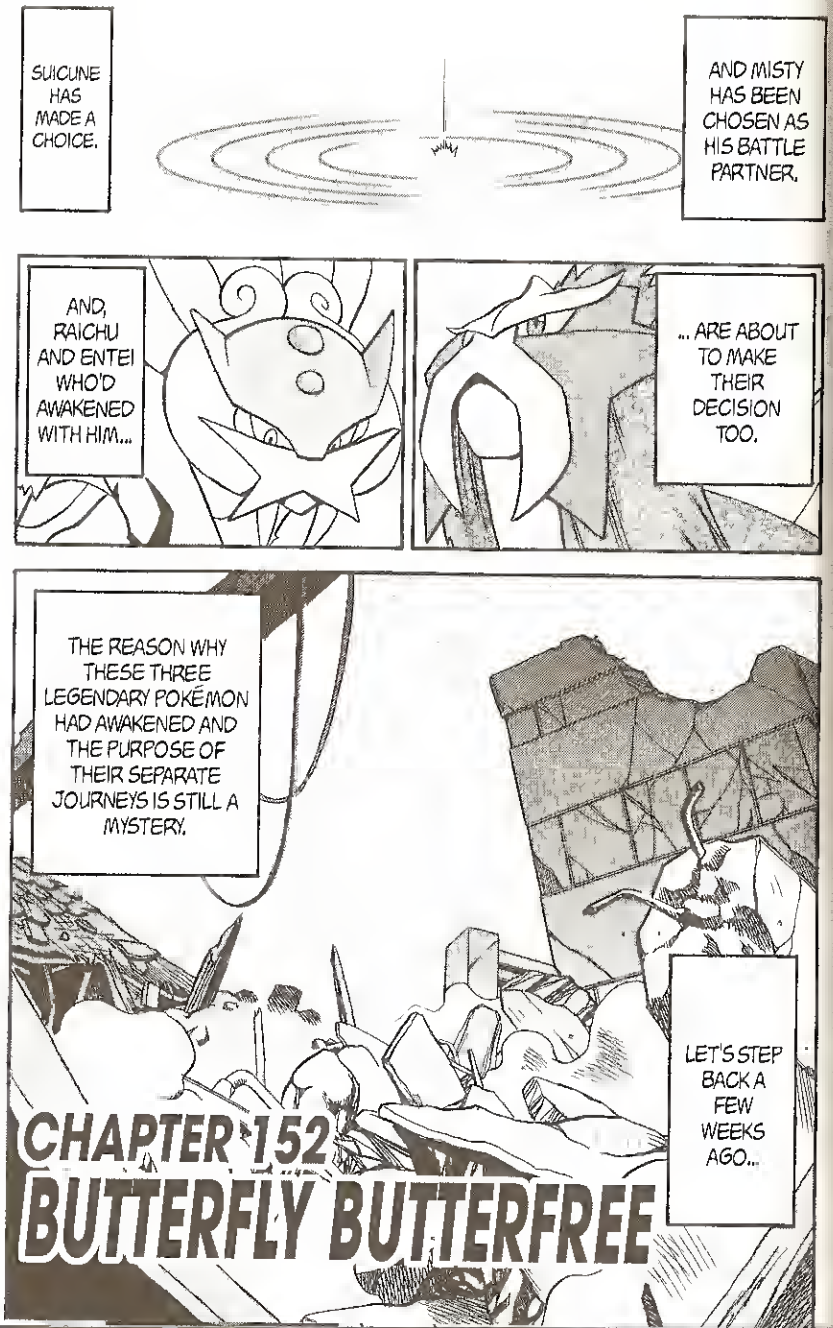

I CAN'T LET HIM SUFFER ALONE.
GRIP
THIS TIME I'LL FIGHT AND SHARE HIS PAIN!

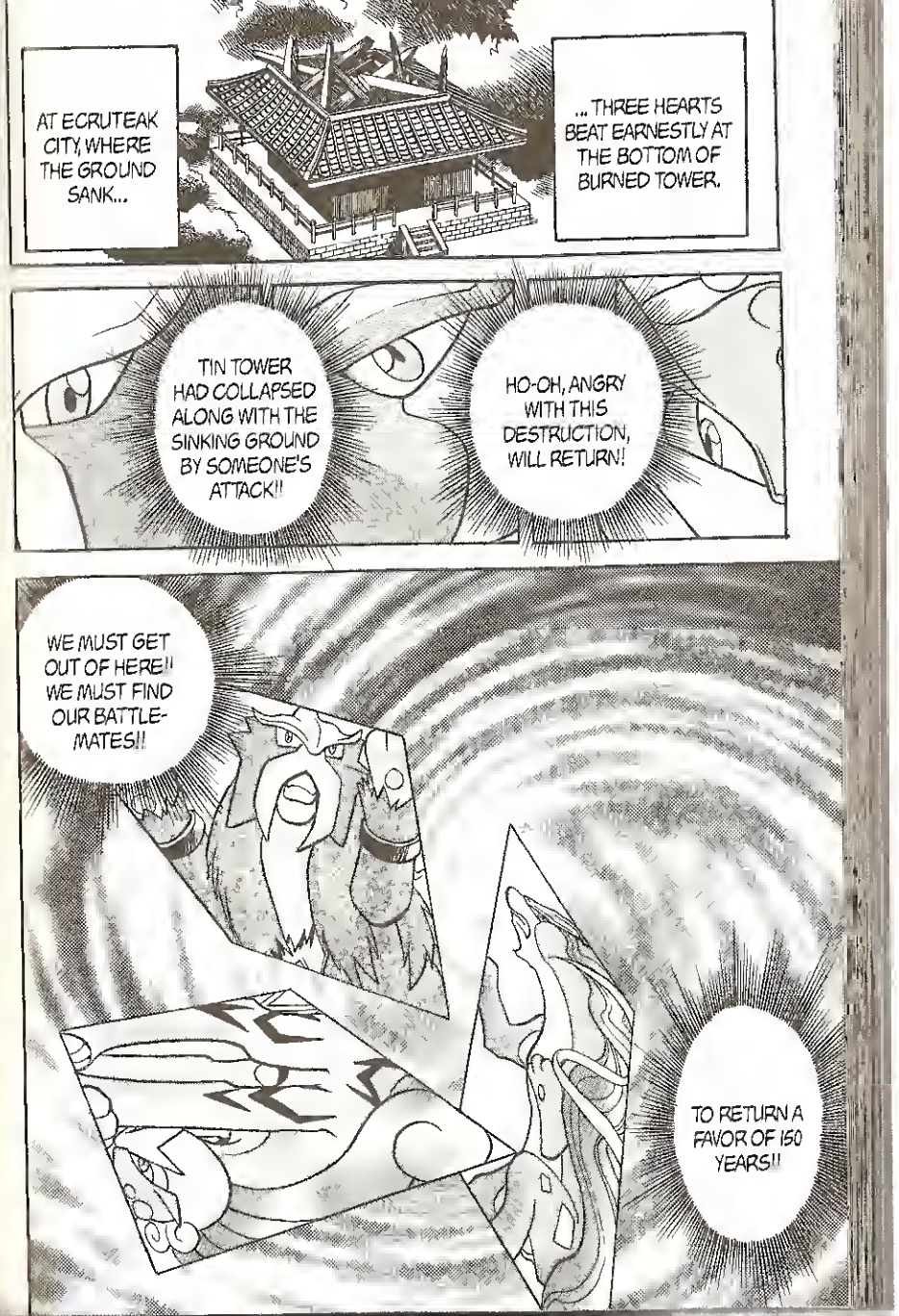
GULP

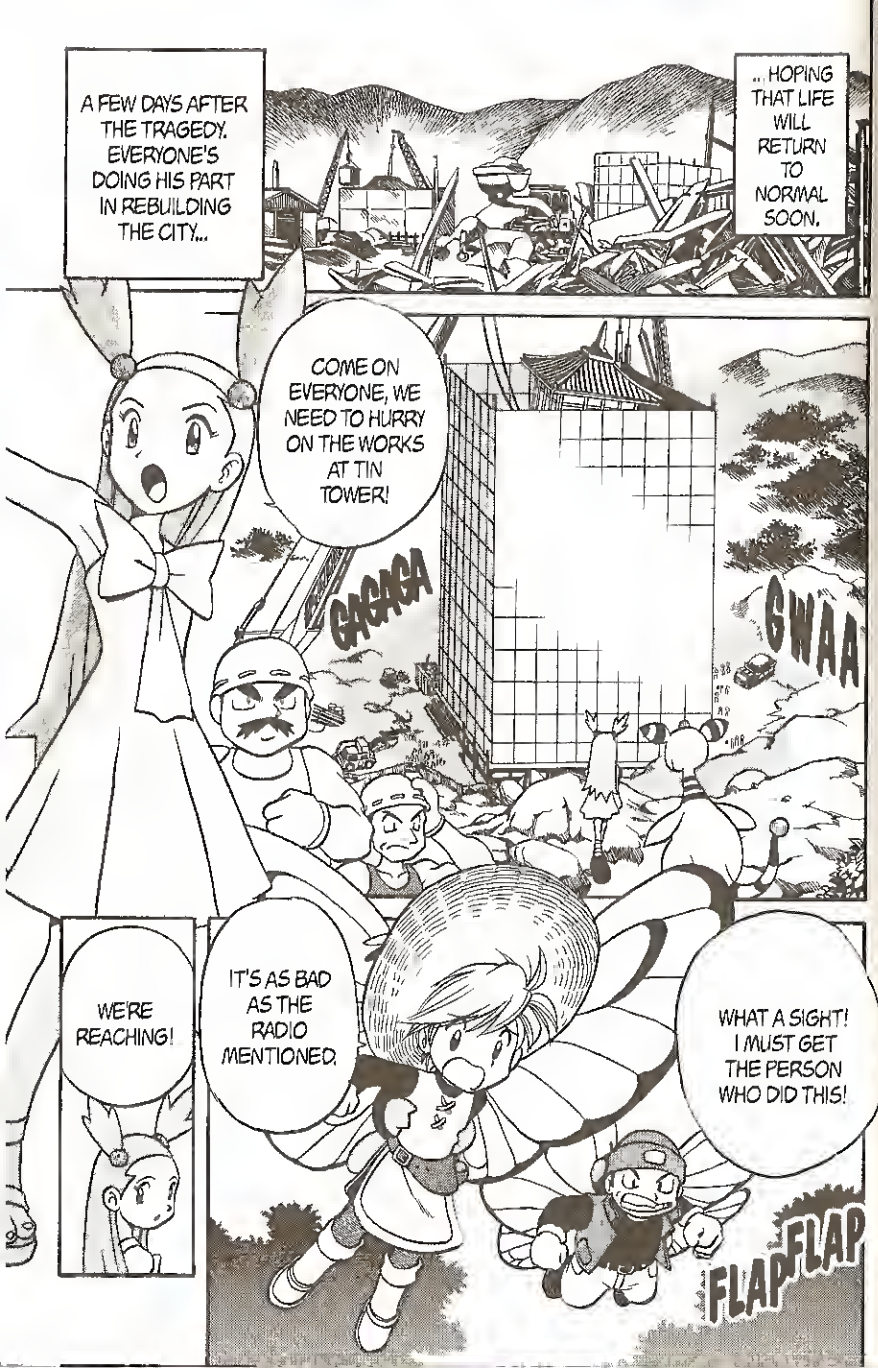

I'LL FIGHT WITH YOU!
SUICUNE!!

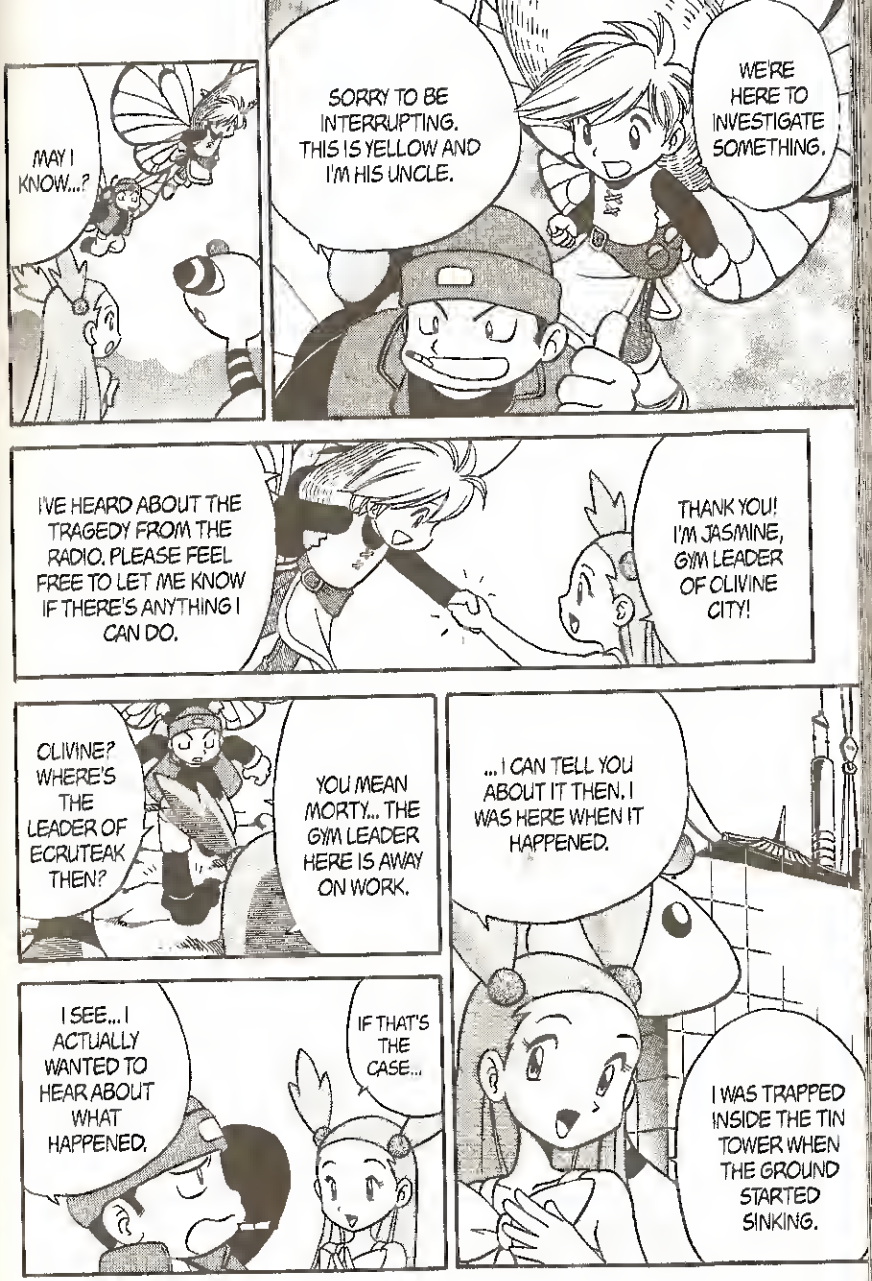
GASP
MISTY !!
SLASH
ARE YOU OKAY!?
PANT... PANT... SORRY TO HAVE WORRIED YOU. I'M ALRIGHT.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT POKÉMON YOU WERE FIGHTING!?
EH?
HEH HEH.
YOU BUMPED YOURSELF SILLY!?
OF COURSE NOT! I'M PERFECTLY OKAY!!
AND...
...I KNOW I'M NEEDED SOMEWHERE FOR SOMETHING.
OF COURSE WE NEED YOU. YOU'RE ONE OF US, KANTO GYM LEADERS.
LOOK AT THIS.
?

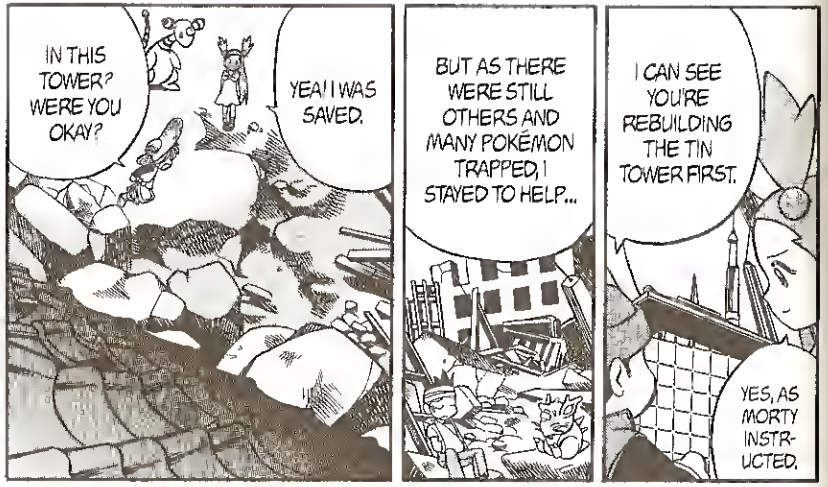

KANTO LEADERS VS JOHTO LEADERS TOURNAMENT!?
THIS IS SO EXCITING !
THEY'VE NAMED PRYCE THE CAPTAIN FOR JOHTO LEADERS.
... IN THAT CASE...
GAA
... WE MUST HURRY!
LET'S GO!
TO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE, TO GOLDENROD CITY!!

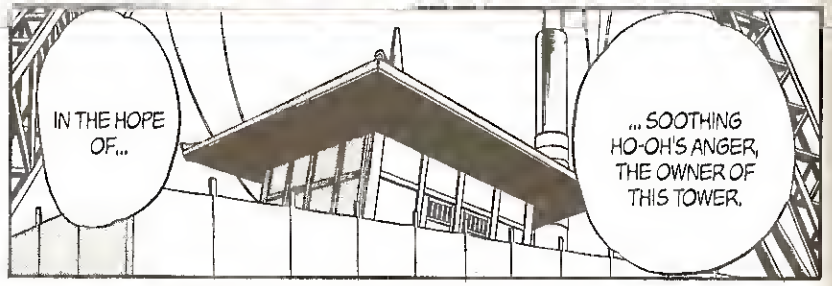

SUICUNE HAS MADE A CHOICE.
AND MISTY HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS HIS BATTLE PARTNER.
AND, RAICHU AND ENTEI WHO'D AWAKENED WITH HIM...
... ARE ABOUT TO MAKE THEIR DECISION TOO.
THE REASON WHY THESE THREE LEGENDARY POKÉMON HAD AWAKENED AND THE PURPOSE OF THEIR SEPARATE JOURNEYS IS STILL A MYSTERY.
LET'S STEP BACK A FEW WEEKS AGO...
CHAPTER 152
BUTTERFLY BUTTERFREE

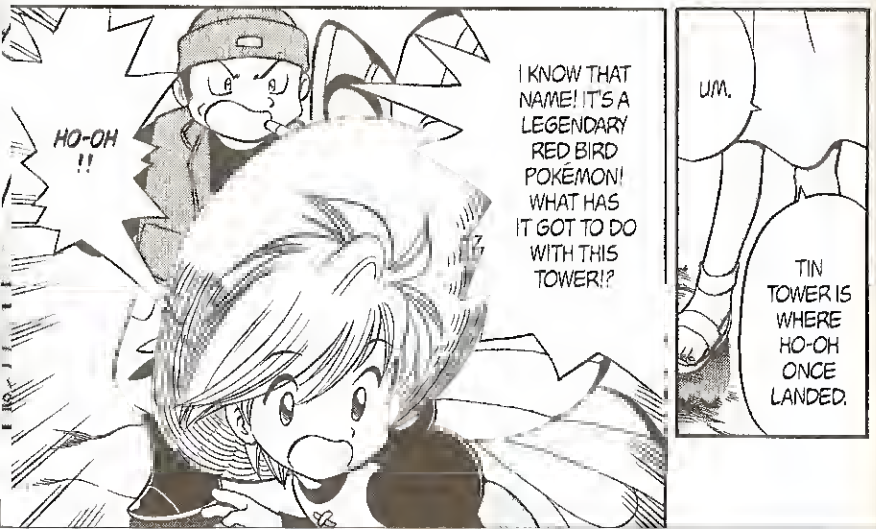

AT ECRUTEAK CITY, WHERE THE GROUND SANK...
... THREE HEARTS BEAT EARNESTLY AT THE BOTTOM OF BURNED TOWER.
TIN TOWER HAD COLLAPSED ALONG WITH THE SINKING GROUND BY SOMEONE'S ATTACK!!
HO-OH, ANGRY WITH THIS DESTRUCTION, WILL RETURN!
WE MUST GET OUT OF HERE!! WE MUST FIND OUR BATTLE-MATES!!
TO RETURN A FAVOR OF 150 YEARS!!

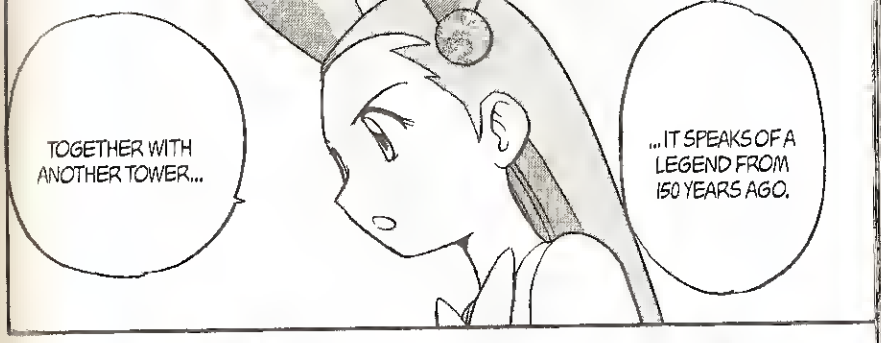

A FEW DAYS AFTER THE TRAGEDY. EVERYONE'S DOING HIS PART IN REBUILDING THE CITY...
...HOPING THAT LIFE WILL RETURN TO NORMAL SOON.
COME ON EVERYONE, WE NEED TO HURRY ON THE WORKS AT TIN TOWER!
GAGAGA
GWAA
WE'RE REACHING!
IT'S AS BAD AS THE RADIO MENTIONED.
WHAT A SIGHT! I MUST GET THE PERSON WHO DID THIS!
FLAPFLAP

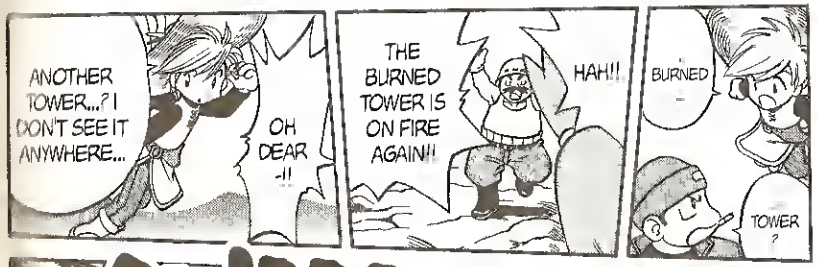

MAY I KNOW...?
SORRY TO BE INTERRUPTING. THIS IS YELLOW AND I'M HIS UNCLE.
WE'RE HERE TO INVESTIGATE SOMETHING.
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THE TRAGEDY FROM THE RADIO. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO.
THANK YOU! I'M JASMINE, GYM LEADER OF OLIVINE CITY!
OLIVINE? WHERE'S THE LEADER OF ECRUTEAK THEN?
YOU MEAN MORTY... THE GYM LEADER HERE IS AWAY ON WORK.
I SEE... I ACTUALLY WANTED TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
...I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT IT THEN. I WAS HERE WHEN IT HAPPENED.
I WAS TRAPPED INSIDE THE TIN TOWER WHEN THE GROUND STARTED SINKING.

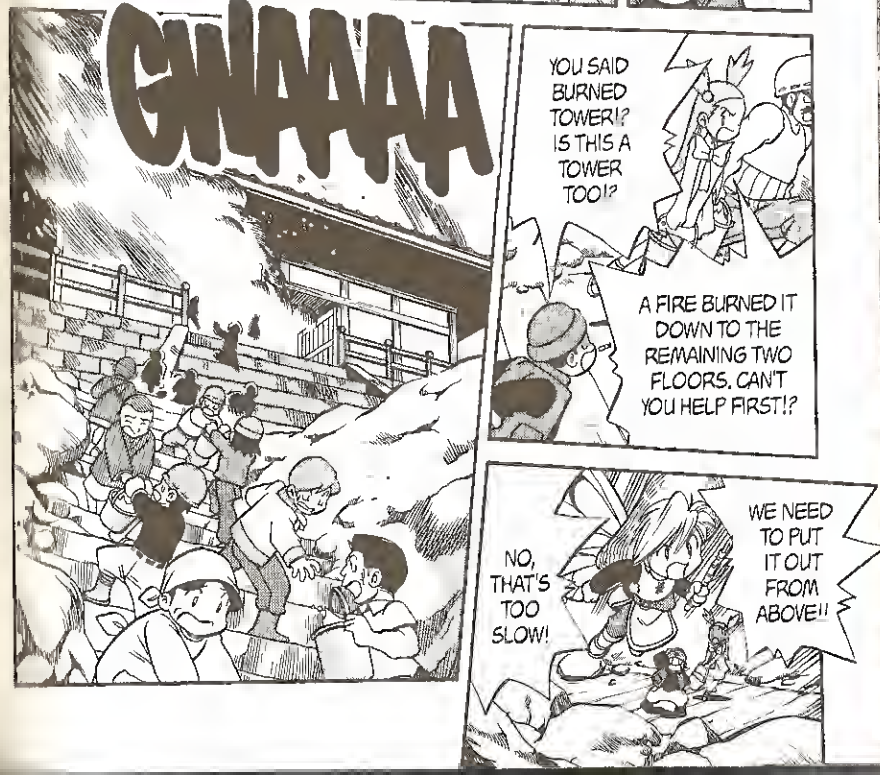

IN THIS TOWER? WERE YOU OKAY?
YEA! I WAS SAVED.
BUT AS THERE WERE STILL OTHERS AND MANY POKÉMON TRAPPED, I STAYED TO HELP...
I CAN SEE YOU'RE REBUILDING THE TIN TOWER FIRST.
YES, AS MORTY INSTRUCTED.

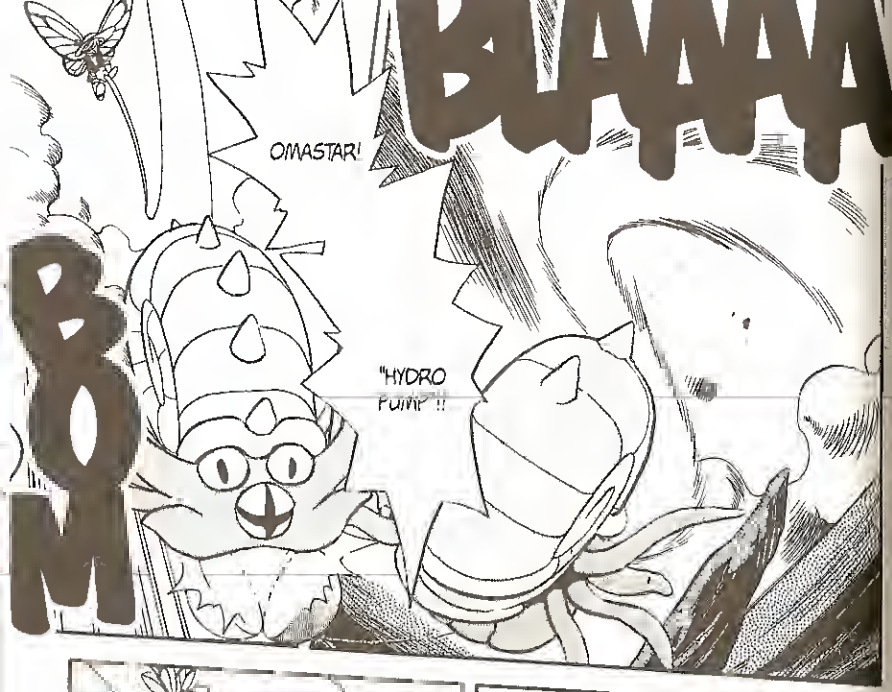

IN THE HOPE OF...
... SOOTHING HO-OH'S ANGER, THE OWNER OF THIS TOWER.

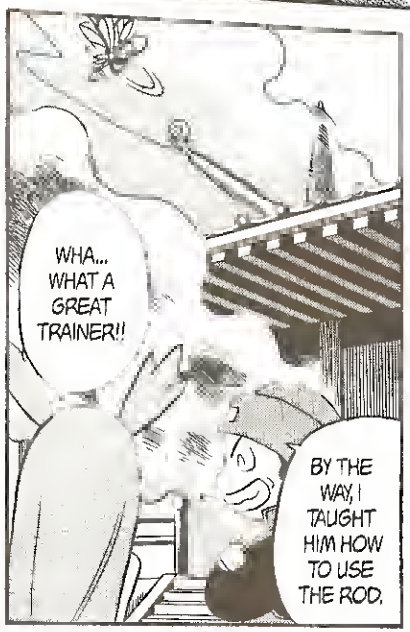

HO-OH !!
I KNOW THAT NAME! IT'S A LEGENDARY RED BIRD POKÉMON! WHAT HAS IT GOT TO DO WITH THIS TOWER!?
UM.
TIN TOWER IS WHERE HO-OH ONCE LANDED.

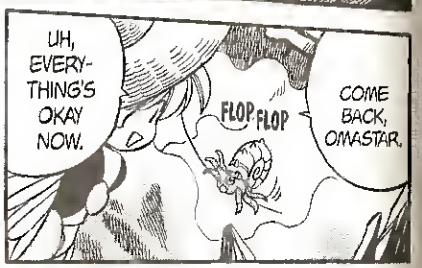

TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER TOWER...
...IT SPEAKS OF A LEGEND FROM 150 YEARS AGO.

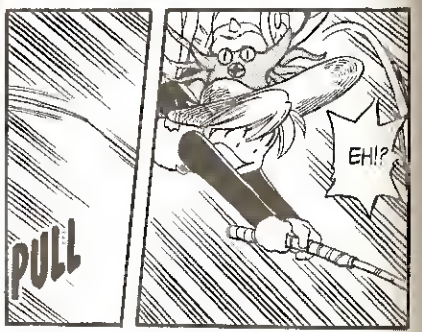

ANOTHER TOWER...? I DON'T SEE IT ANYWHERE...
OH DEAR -!!
THE BURNED TOWER IS ON FIRE AGAIN!!
HAH!!
BURNED
TOWER ?

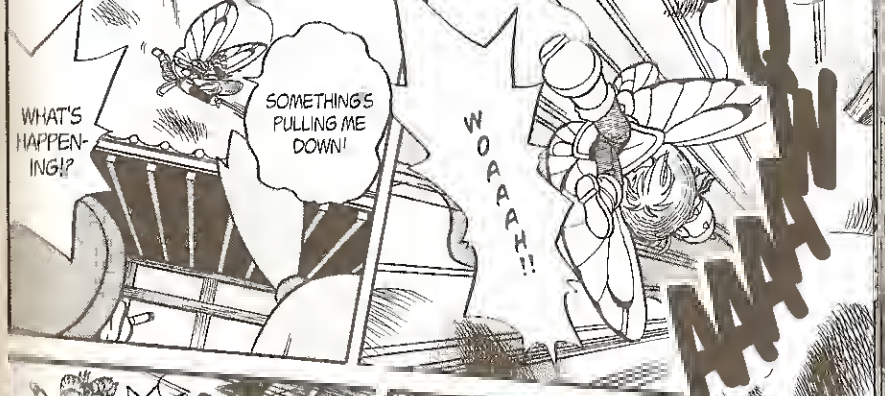

GWAAAAA
YOU SAID BURNED TOWER!? IS THIS A TOWER TOO!?
A FIRE BURNED IT DOWN TO THE REMAINING TWO FLOORS. CAN'T YOU HELP FIRST!?
NO, THAT'S TOO SLOW!
WE NEED TO PUT IT OUT FROM ABOVE!!


BLAAAAA
OMASTAR!
BM
"HYDRO PUMP" !!

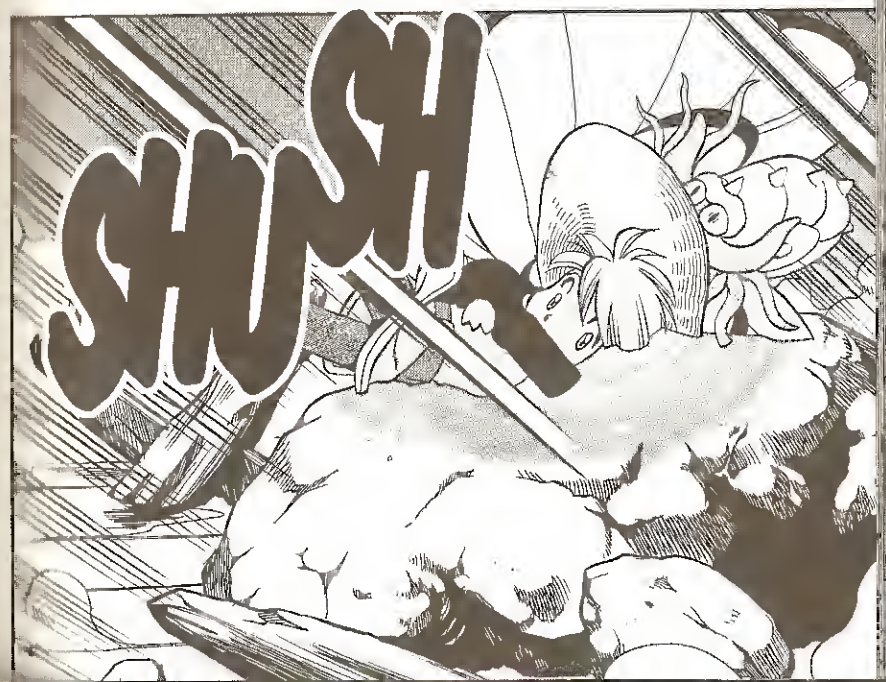

WHA... WHAT A GREAT TRAINER!!
BY THE WAY, I TAUGHT HIM HOW TO USE THE ROD.


UH, EVERY-THING'S OKAY NOW.
FLOP FLOP
COME BACK, OMASTAR.

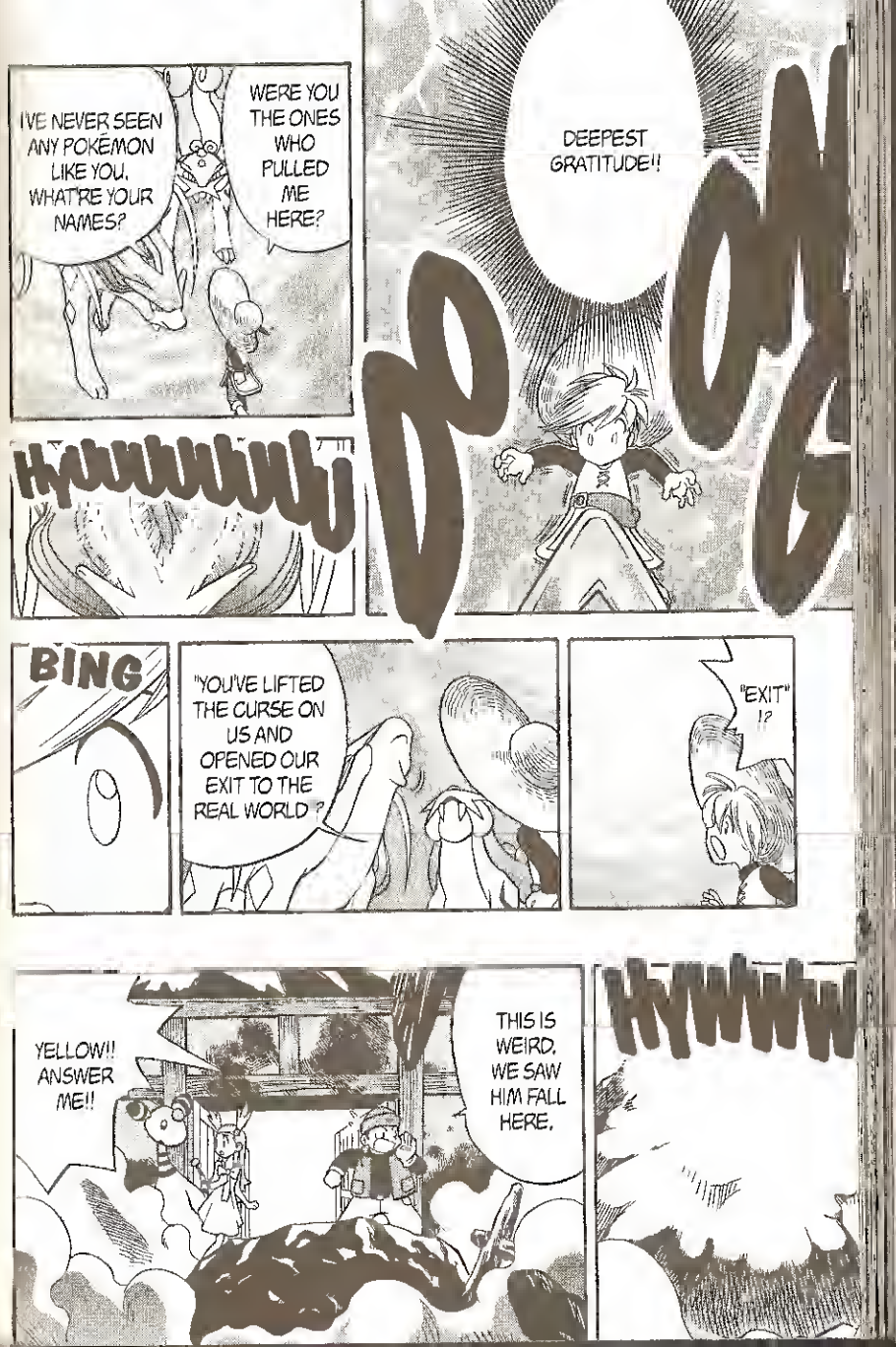

PULL
EH!?

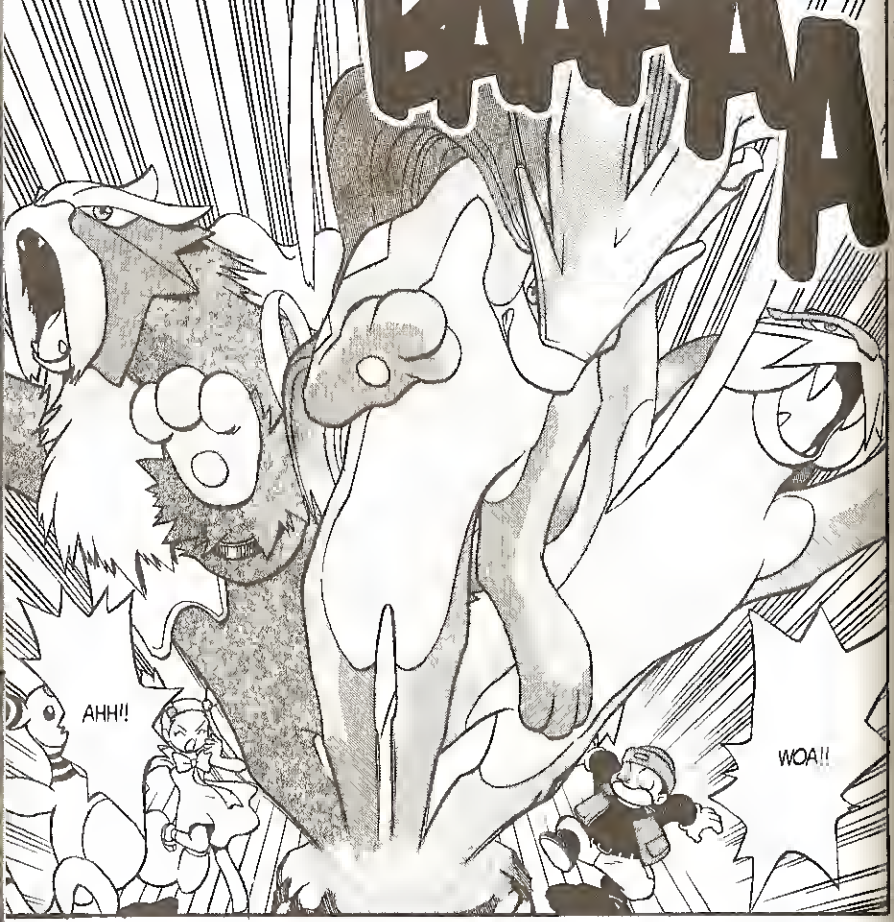

WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING!?
SOMETHING'S PULLING ME DOWN!
WOAAAH!!
GWAAAA

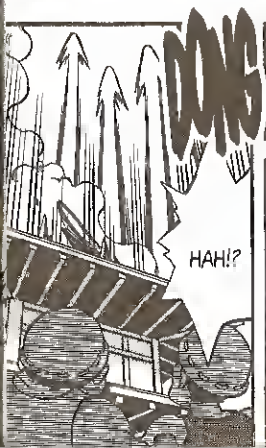
!!
GWAAA
I'M GONNA HIT THE BOULDER !?

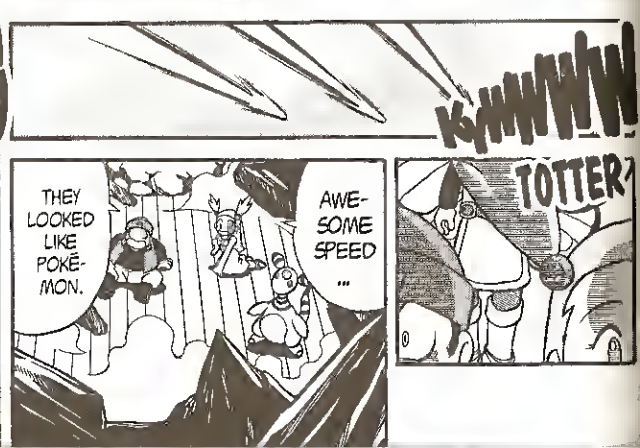

SHUSH

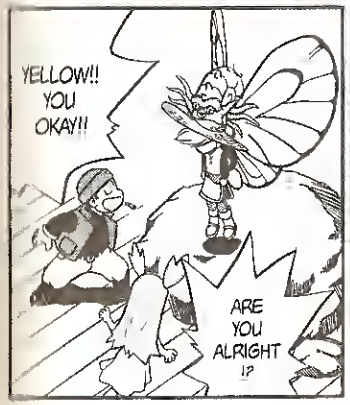
DAA
WOAH !!
OUCH.
WHERE'S THIS?
THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE TOWER.
BR
EAK
HUH !?
ZAA

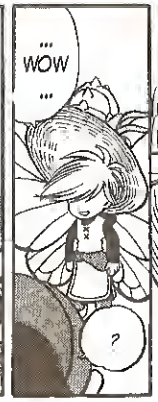

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY POKÉMON LIKE YOU. WHAT'RE YOUR NAMES?
WERE YOU THE ONES WHO PULLED ME HERE?
HYUUUUUUUU
DEEPEST GRATITUDE!!
BING
"YOU'VE LIFTED THE CURSE ON US AND OPENED OUR EXIT TO THE REAL WORLD ?
"EXIT" !?
YELLOW!! ANSWER ME!!
THIS IS WEIRD. WE SAW HIM FALL HERE.
HYWWW


BAAAAAA
AHH!!
WOA!!


DONG
HAH!?


KAHWWWW
THEY LOOKED LIKE POKÉMON.
AWESOME SPEED ...
TOTTER


YELLOW!! YOU OKAY!!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT !?


... WOW ...
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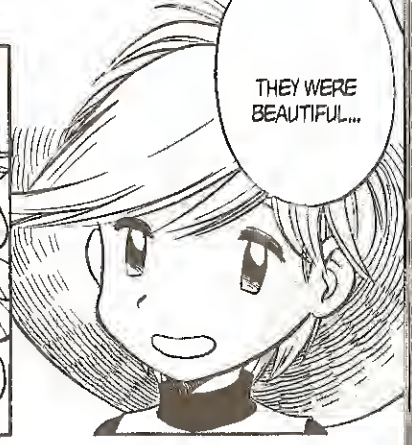
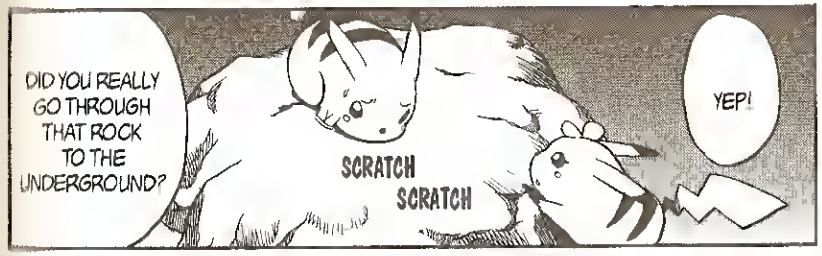
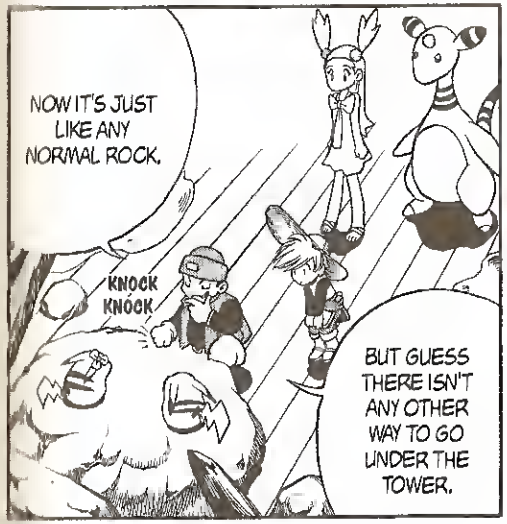
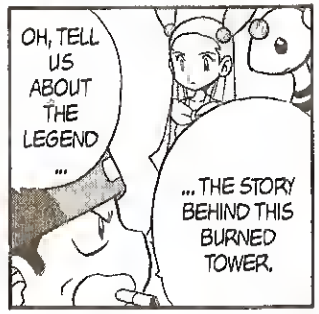
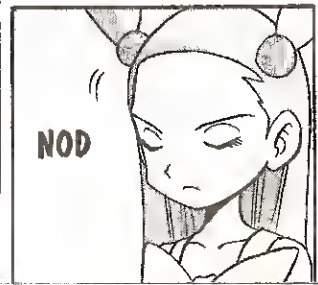

THEY WERE BEAUTIFUL...


DID YOU REALLY GO THROUGH THAT ROCK TO THE UNDERGROUND?
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
YEP!


NOW IT'S JUST LIKE ANY NORMAL ROCK.
KNOCK
KNOCK
BUT GUESS THERE ISN'T ANY OTHER WAY TO GO UNDER THE TOWER.


OH, TELL US ABOUT THE LEGEND ...
... THE STORY BEHIND THIS BURNED TOWER.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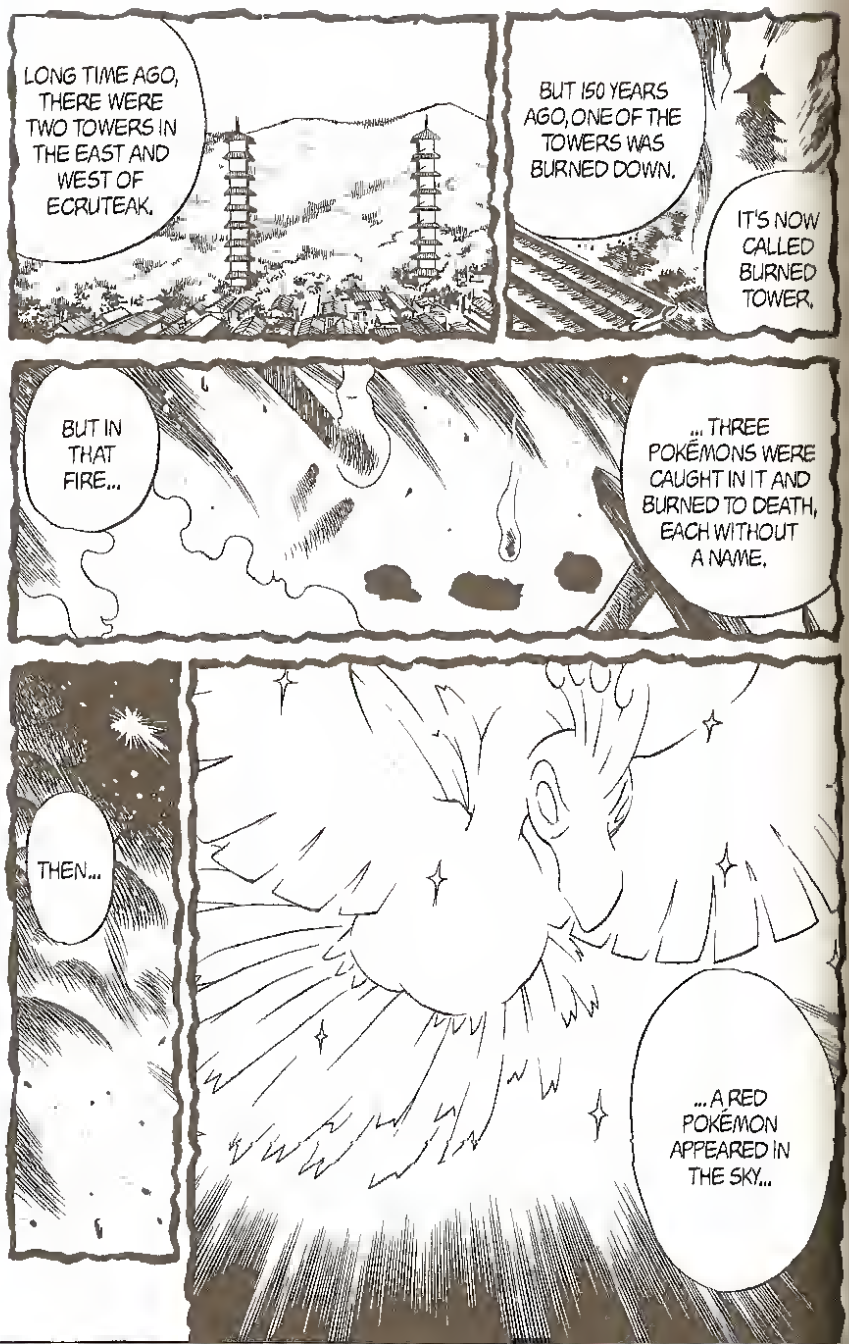
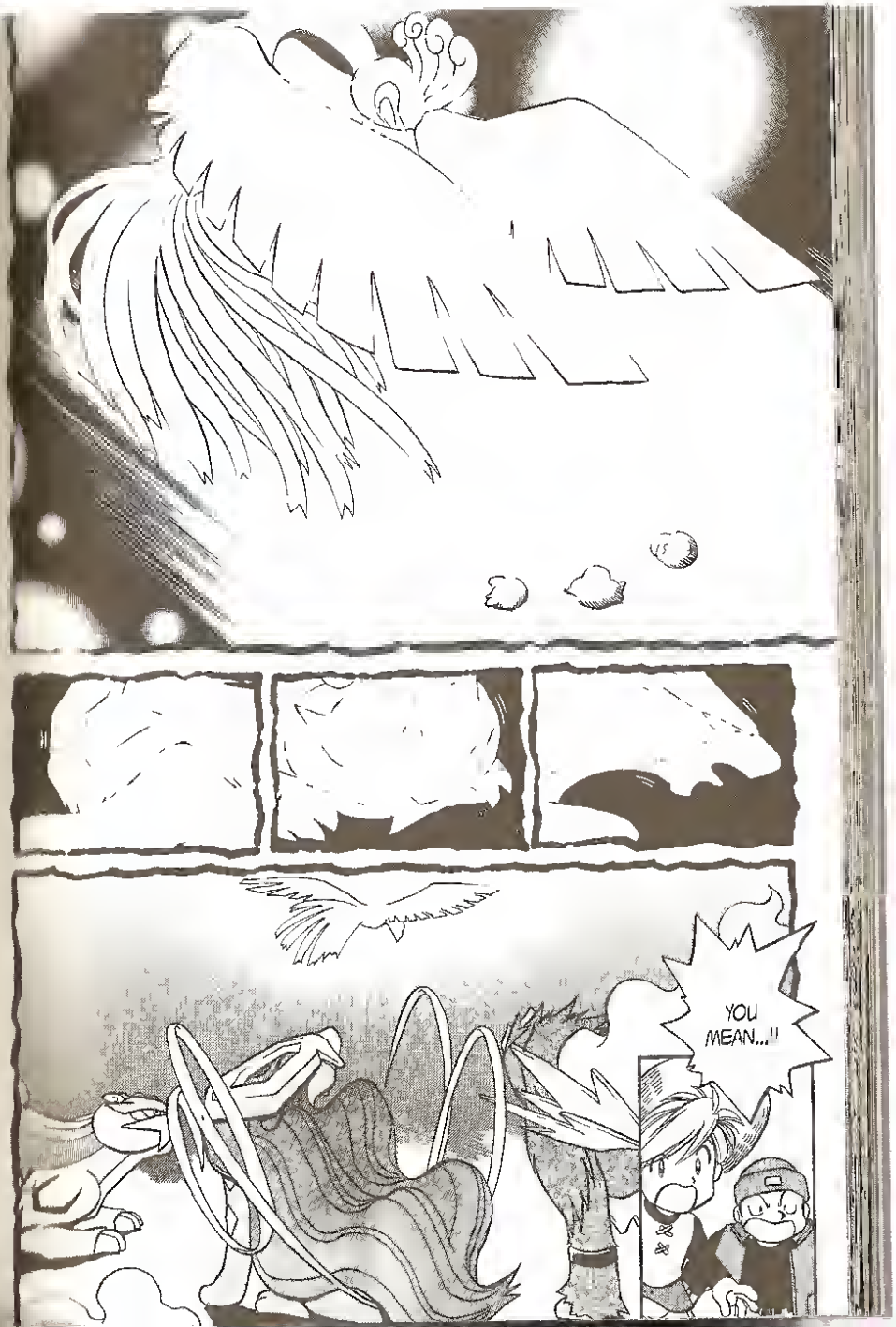
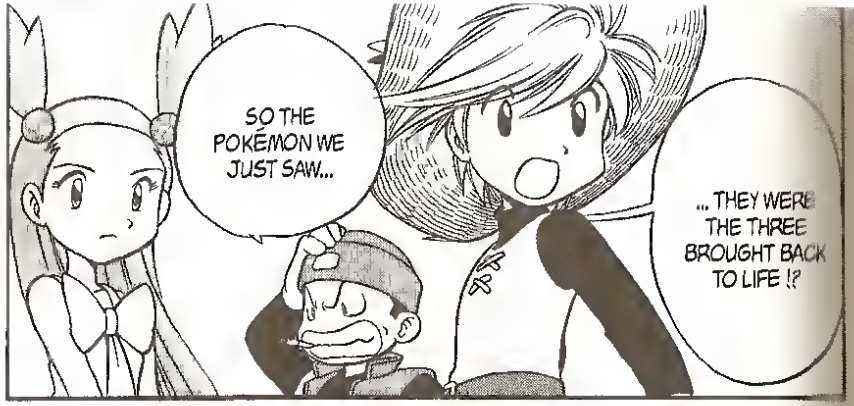
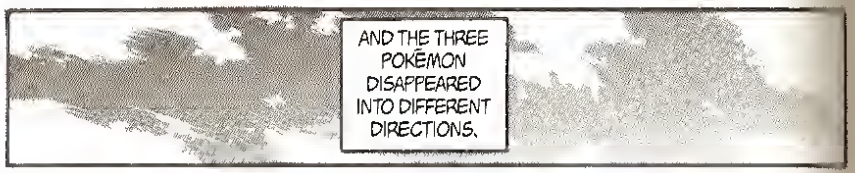
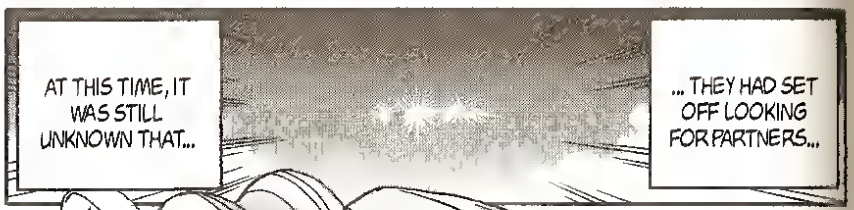
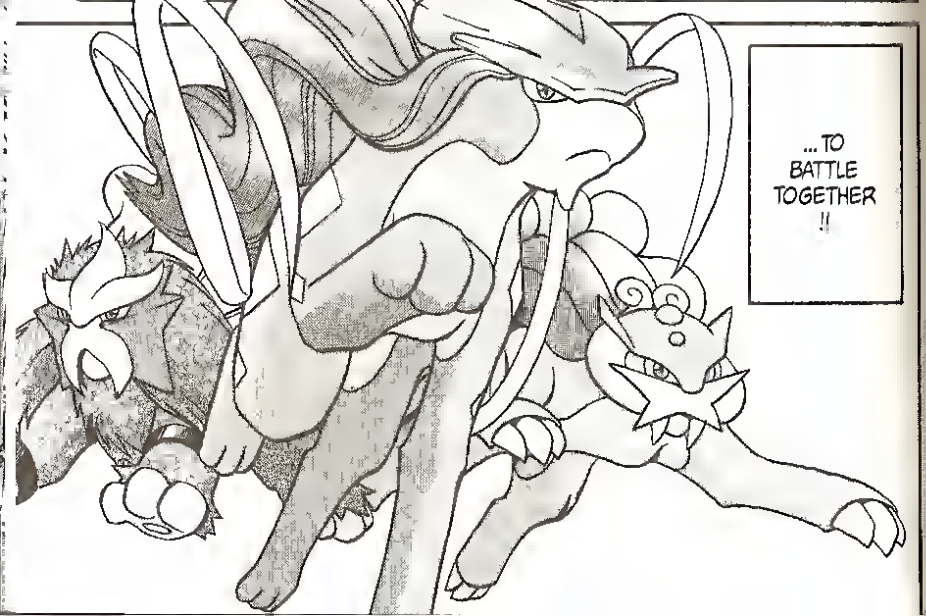

LONG TIME AGO, THERE WERE TWO TOWERS IN THE EAST AND WEST OF ECRUTEAK.
BUT 150 YEARS AGO, ONE OF THE TOWERS WAS BURNED DOWN.
IT'S NOW CALLED BURNED TOWER.
BUT IN THAT FIRE...
... THREE POKÉMONS WERE CAUGHT IN IT AND BURNED TO DEATH, EACH WITHOUT A NAME.
THEN...
... A RED POKÉMON APPEARED IN THE SKY...


YOU MEAN...!!









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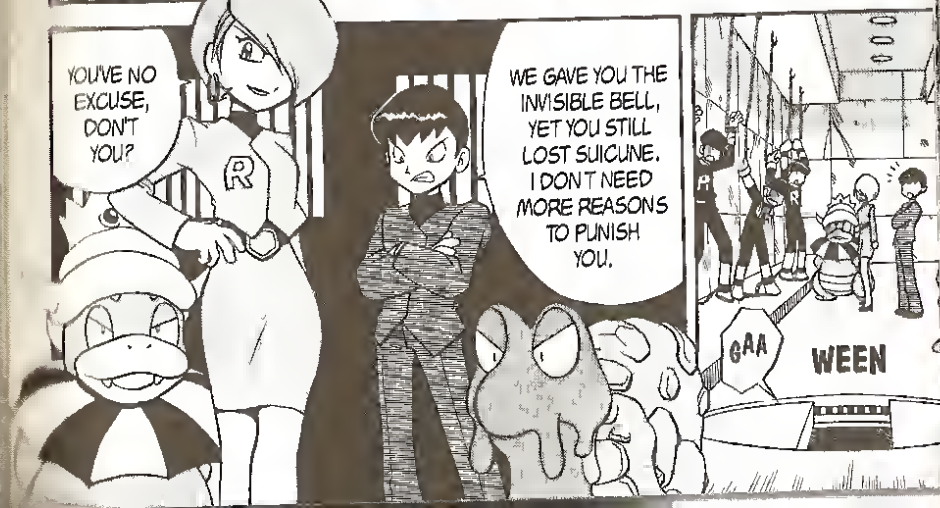
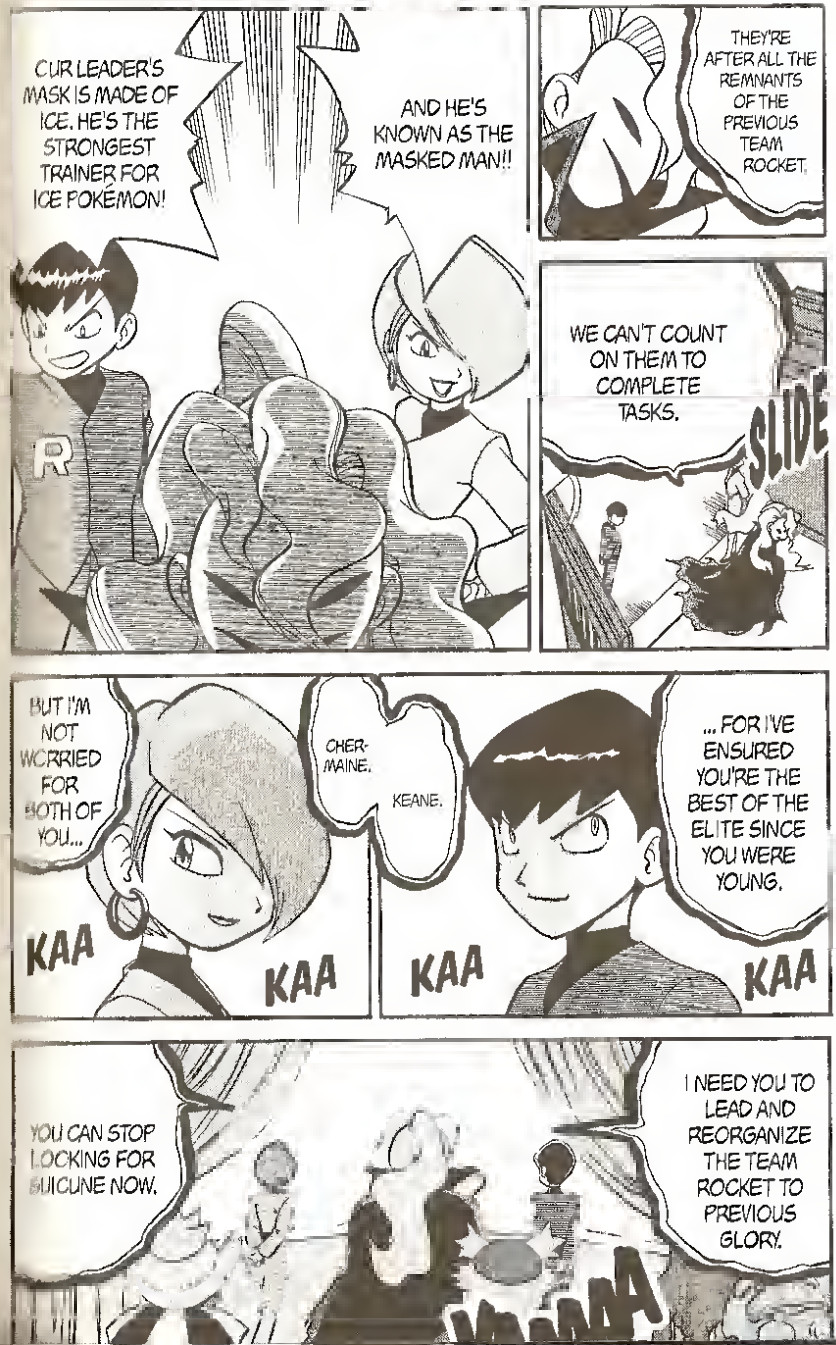
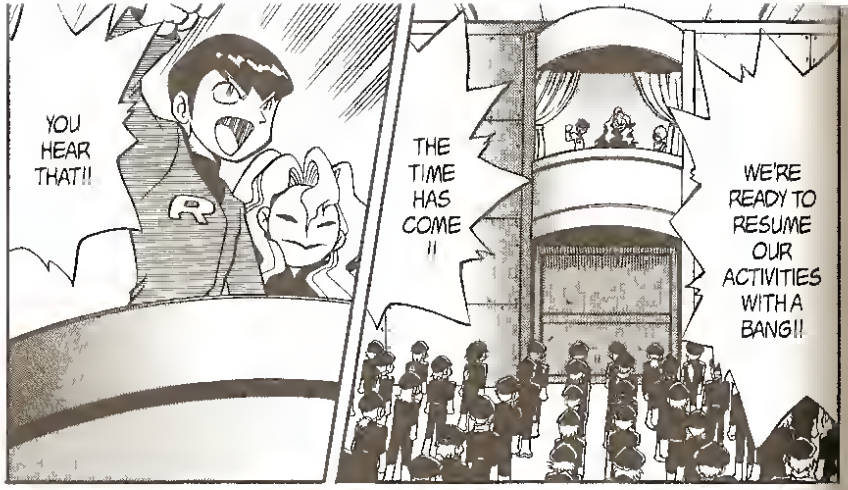
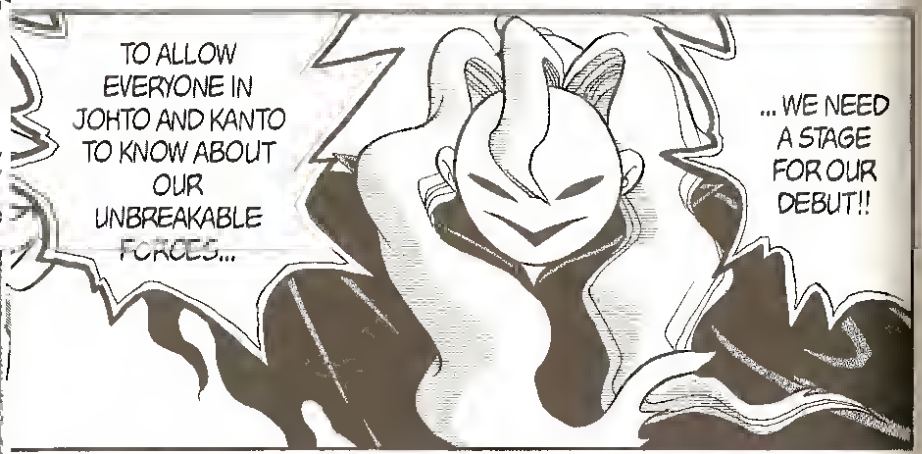
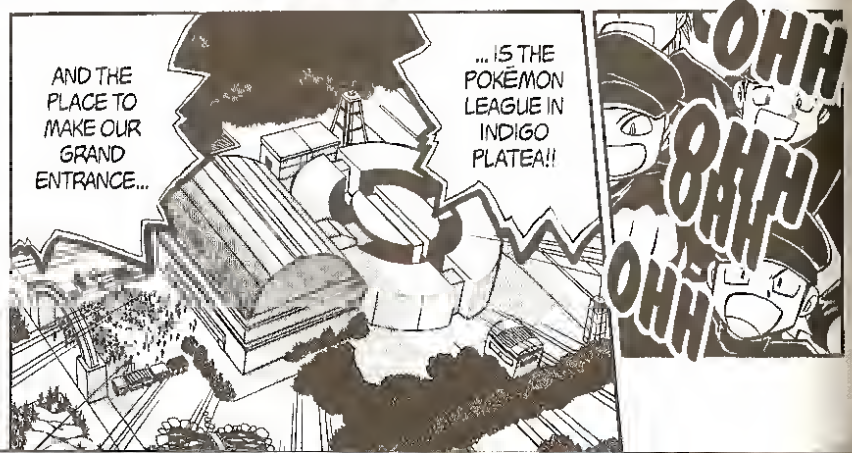

YOU'VE NO EXCUSE, DON'T YOU?
WE GAVE YOU THE INVISIBLE BELL, YET YOU STILL LOST SUICUNE. I DON'T NEED MORE REASONS TO PUNISH YOU.
GAA
WEEN

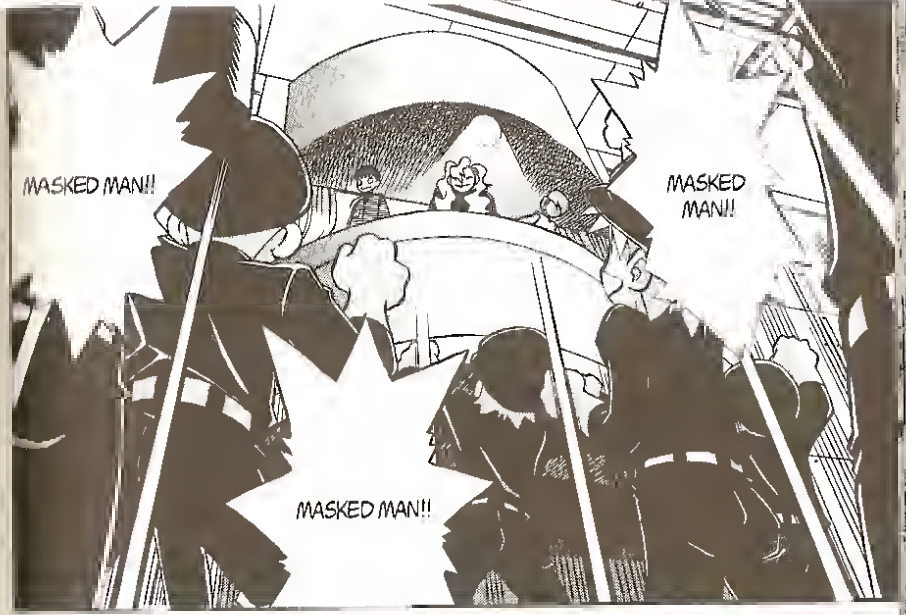
SALUTE
IT'S THE LEADER!!
LEADER ..!?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'RE MEETING HIM!
THE NEW LEADER THAT PULLS TEAM ROCKET TOGETHER!!
CHAPTER 153
THE MIGHTIEST HO-OH
YIKES !!
FREEZE
WHAT !?
DIDN'T YOU KNOW ?


OUR LEADER'S MASK IS MADE OF ICE. HE'S THE STRONGEST TRAINER FOR ICE POKÉMON!
AND HE'S KNOWN AS THE MASKED MAN!!
THEY'RE AFTER ALL THE REMNANTS OF THE PREVIOUS TEAM ROCKET.
WE CAN'T COUNT ON THEM TO COMPLETE TASKS.
SLIDE
BUT I'M NOT WORRIED FOR BOTH OF YOU...
KAA
KAA
CHER-MAINE.
KEANE.
... FOR I'VE ENSURED YOU'RE THE BEST OF THE ELITE SINCE YOU WERE YOUNG.
KAA
KAA
YOU CAN STOP LOOKING FOR SUICUNE NOW.
I NEED YOU TO LEAD AND REORGANIZE THE TEAM ROCKET TO PREVIOUS GLORY.


YOU HEAR THAT!!
THE TIME HAS COME !!
WE'RE READY TO RESUME OUR ACTIVITIES WITH A BANG!!


TO ALLOW EVERYONE IN JOHTO AND KANTO TO KNOW ABOUT OUR UNBREAKABLE FORCES...
... WE NEED A STAGE FOR OUR DEBUT!!


AND THE PLACE TO MAKE OUR GRAND ENTRANCE...
... IS THE POKÉMON LEAGUE IN INDIGO PLATEA!!
OHH
OHH
OHH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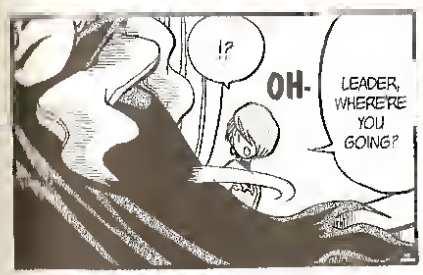
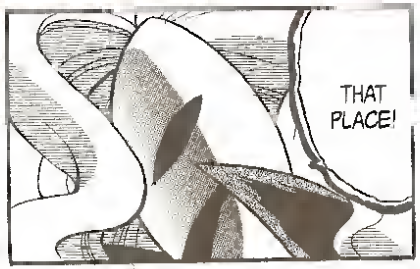
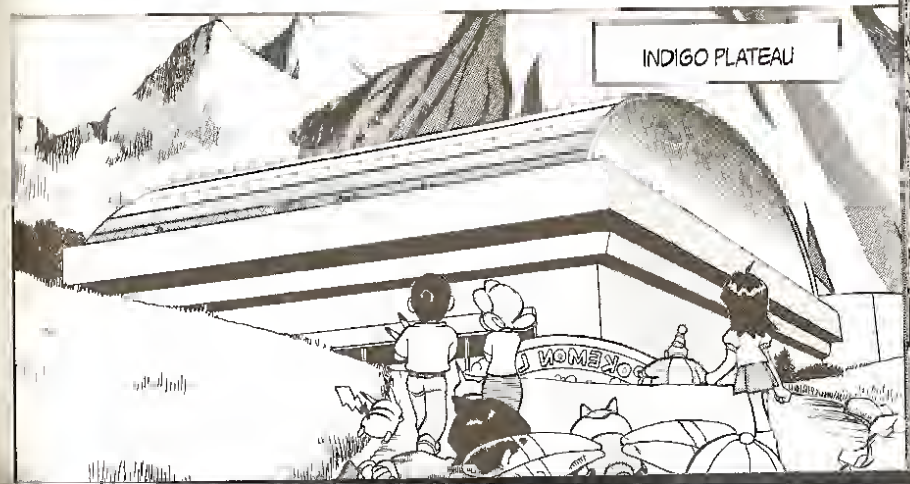
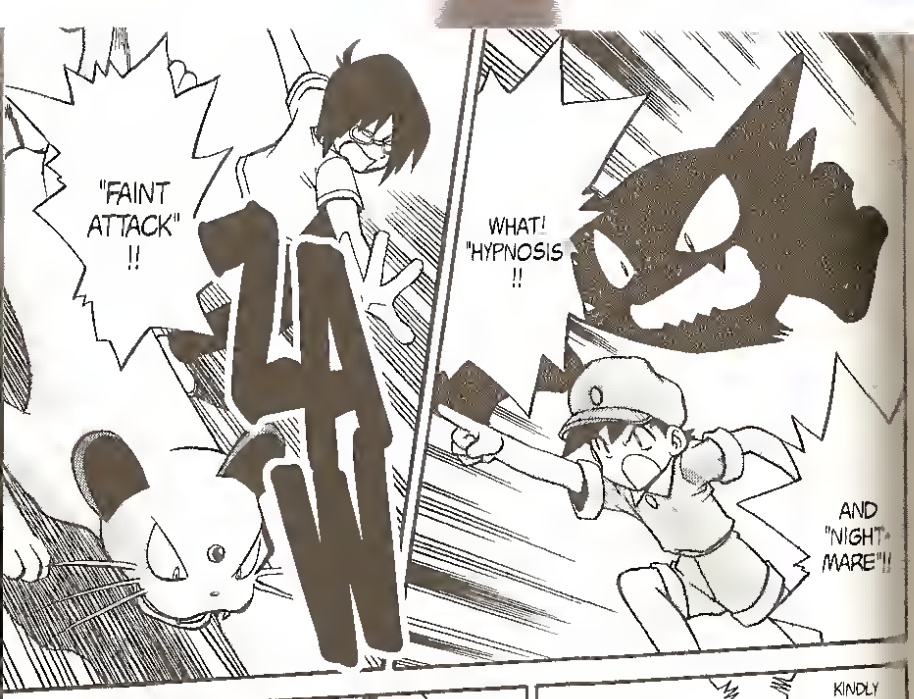
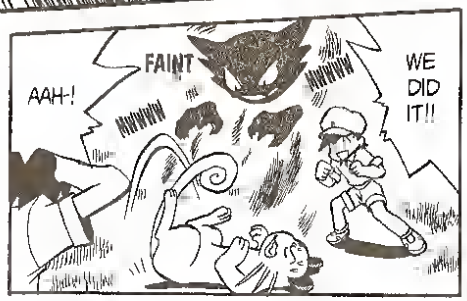
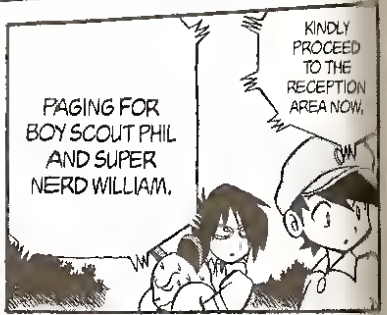

!?
OH-
LEADER, WHERE'RE YOU GOING?

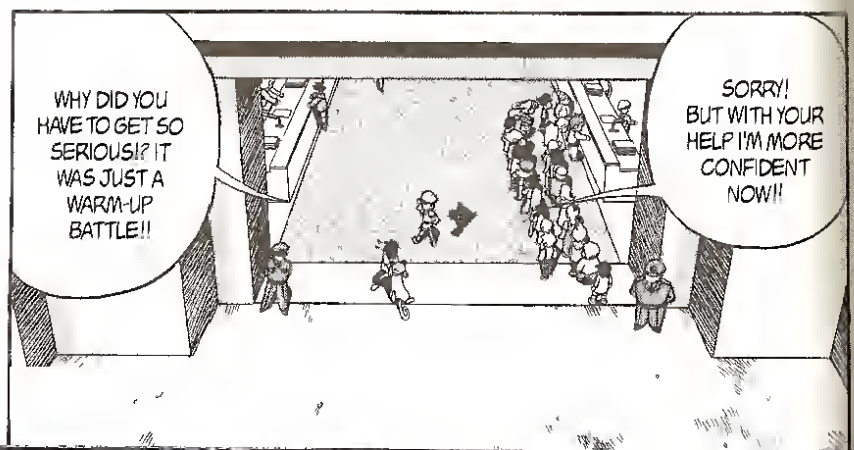

THAT PLACE!

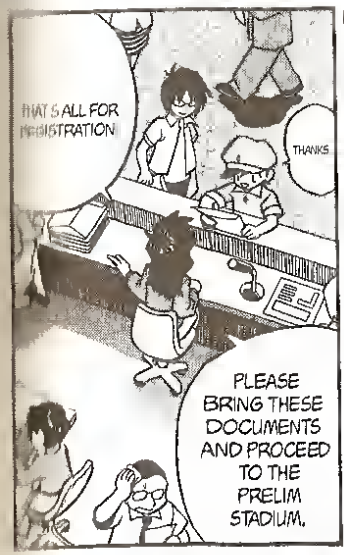

INDIGO PLATEAU

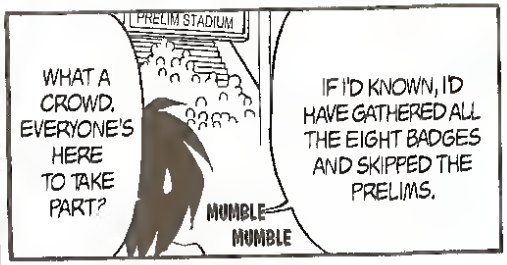

"FAINT ATTACK" !!
WHAT! "HYPNOSIS !!
AND "NIGHT-MARE"!!


AAH-!
FAINT
WE DID IT!!

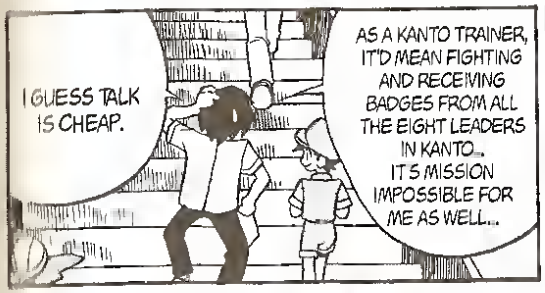

PAGING FOR BOY SCOUT PHIL AND SUPER NERD WILLIAM.
KINDLY PROCEED TO THE RECEPTION AREA NOW.

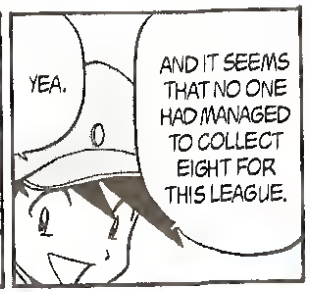

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO GET SO SERIOUS!? IT WAS JUST A WARM-UP BATTLE!!
SORRY! BUT WITH YOUR HELP I'M MORE CONFIDENT NOW!!

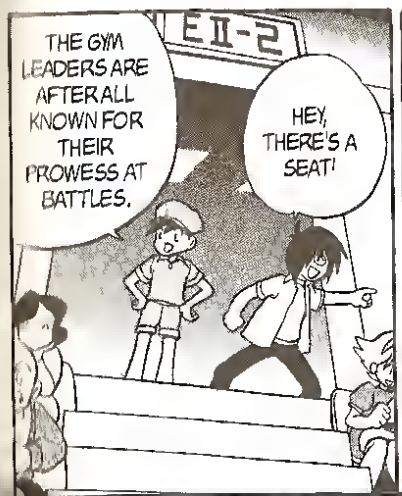

THAT'S ALL FOR REGISTRATION
THANKS
PLEASE BRING THESE DOCUMENTS AND PROCEED TO THE PRELIM STADIUM.


PRELIM STADIUM
WHAT A CROWD. EVERYONE'S HERE TO TAKE PART?
MUMBLE MUMBLE
IF I'D KNOWN, I'D HAVE GATHERED ALL THE EIGHT BADGES AND SKIPPED THE PRELIMS.

YOU BOAST PRETTY WELL HUH?
WHAT'D YOU MEAN!?

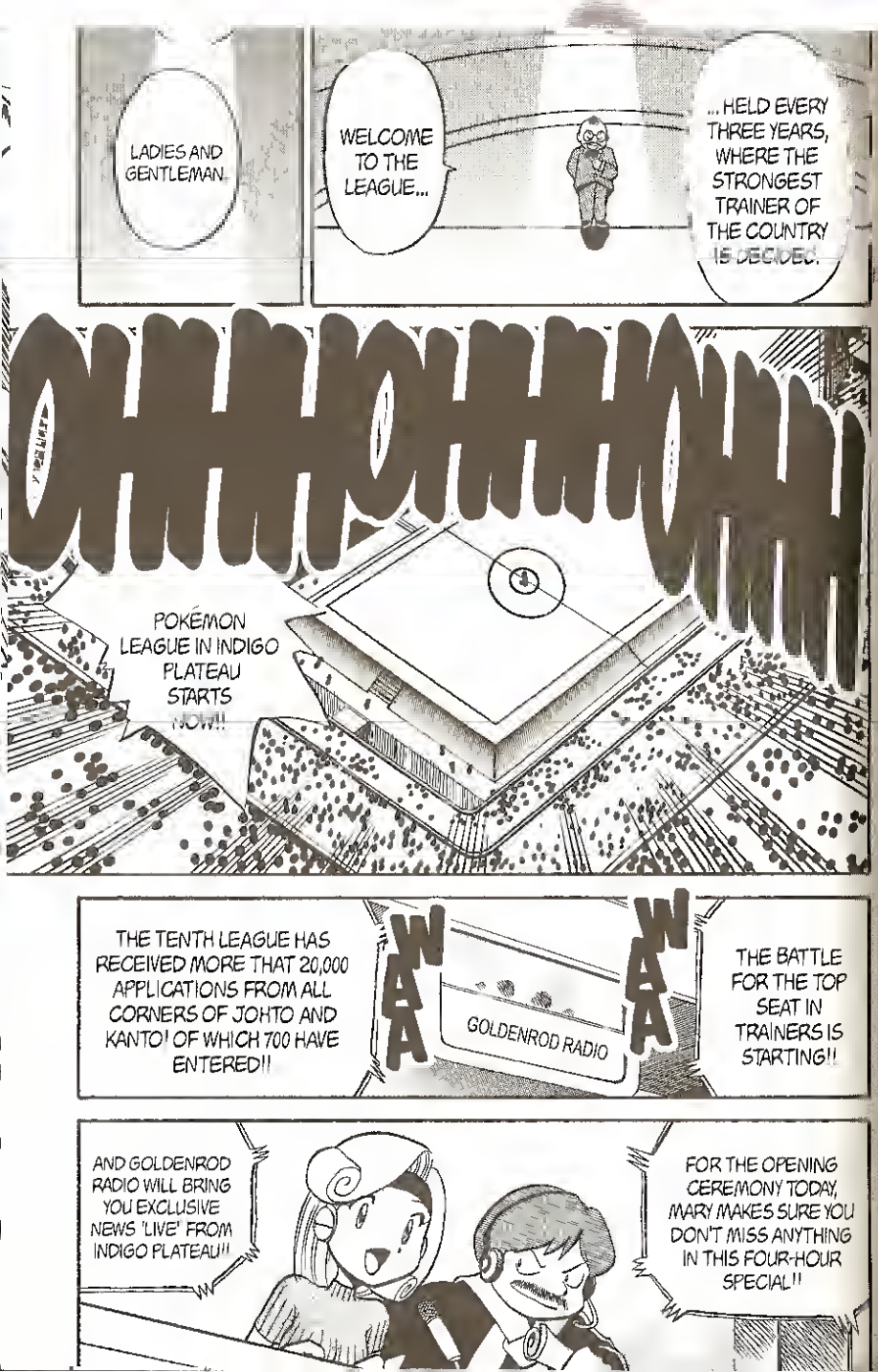

I GUESS TALK IS CHEAP.
AS A KANTO TRAINER, IT'D MEAN FIGHTING AND RECEIVING BADGES FROM ALL THE EIGHT LEADERS IN KANTO... IT'S MISSION IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME AS WELL...


YEA.
AND IT SEEMS THAT NO ONE HAD MANAGED TO COLLECT EIGHT FOR THIS LEAGUE.

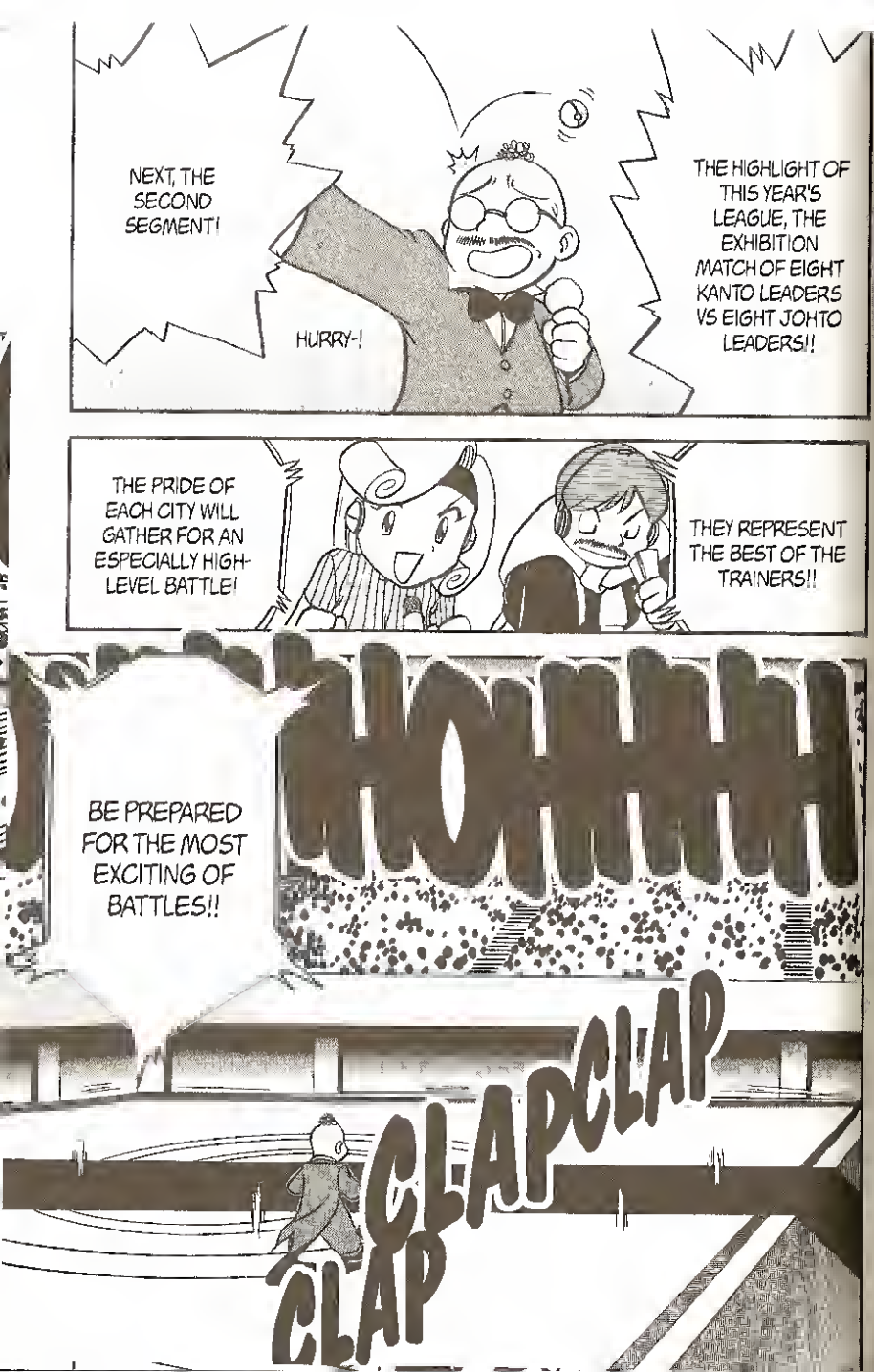

E II-2
THE GYM LEADERS ARE AFTER ALL KNOWN FOR THEIR PROWESS AT BATTLES.
HEY, THERE'S A SEAT!

YEAH. BUT THE HIGHLIGHT IS STILL THIS TOURNAMENT.
LEADERS VS LEADERS !

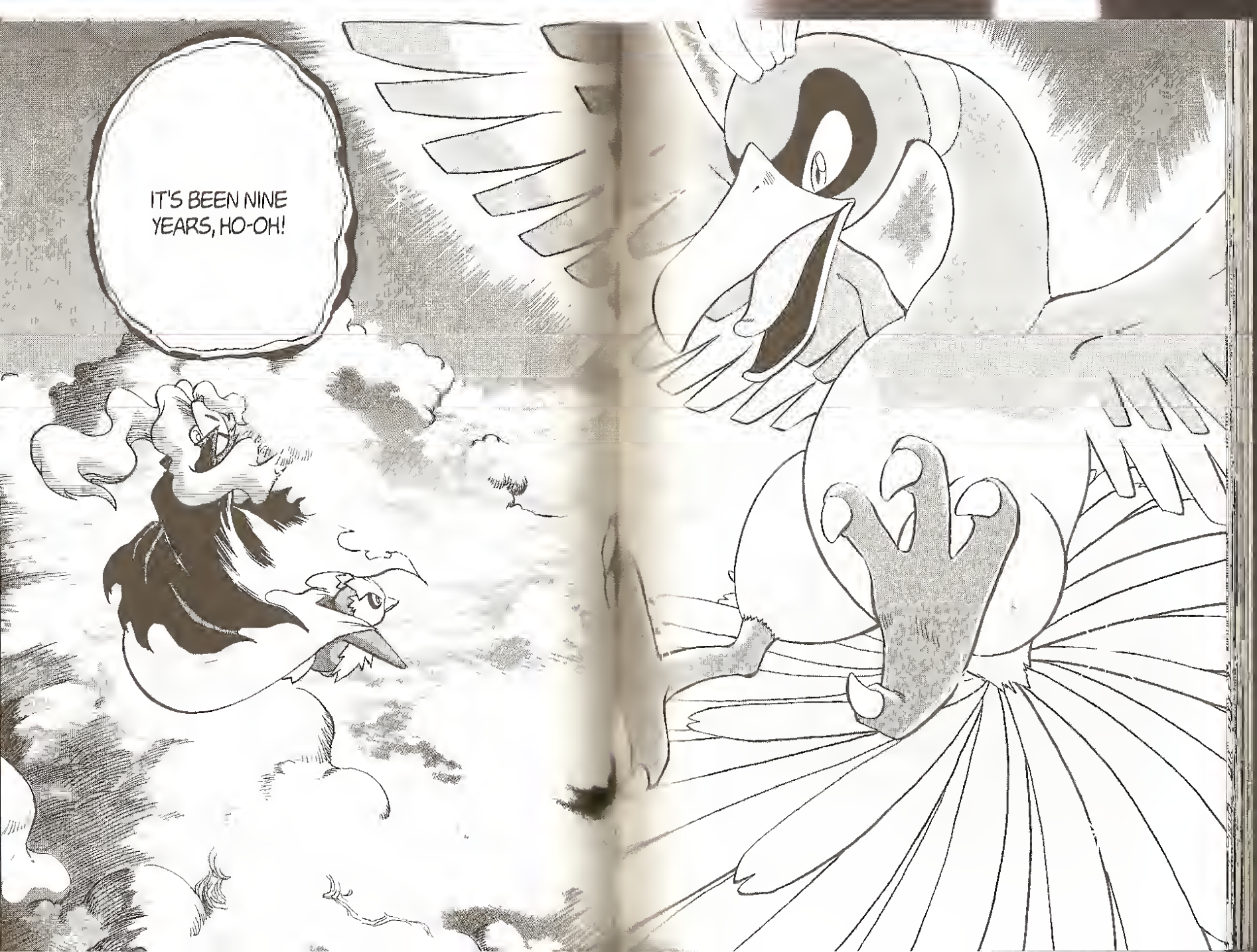
IT'S STARTING!

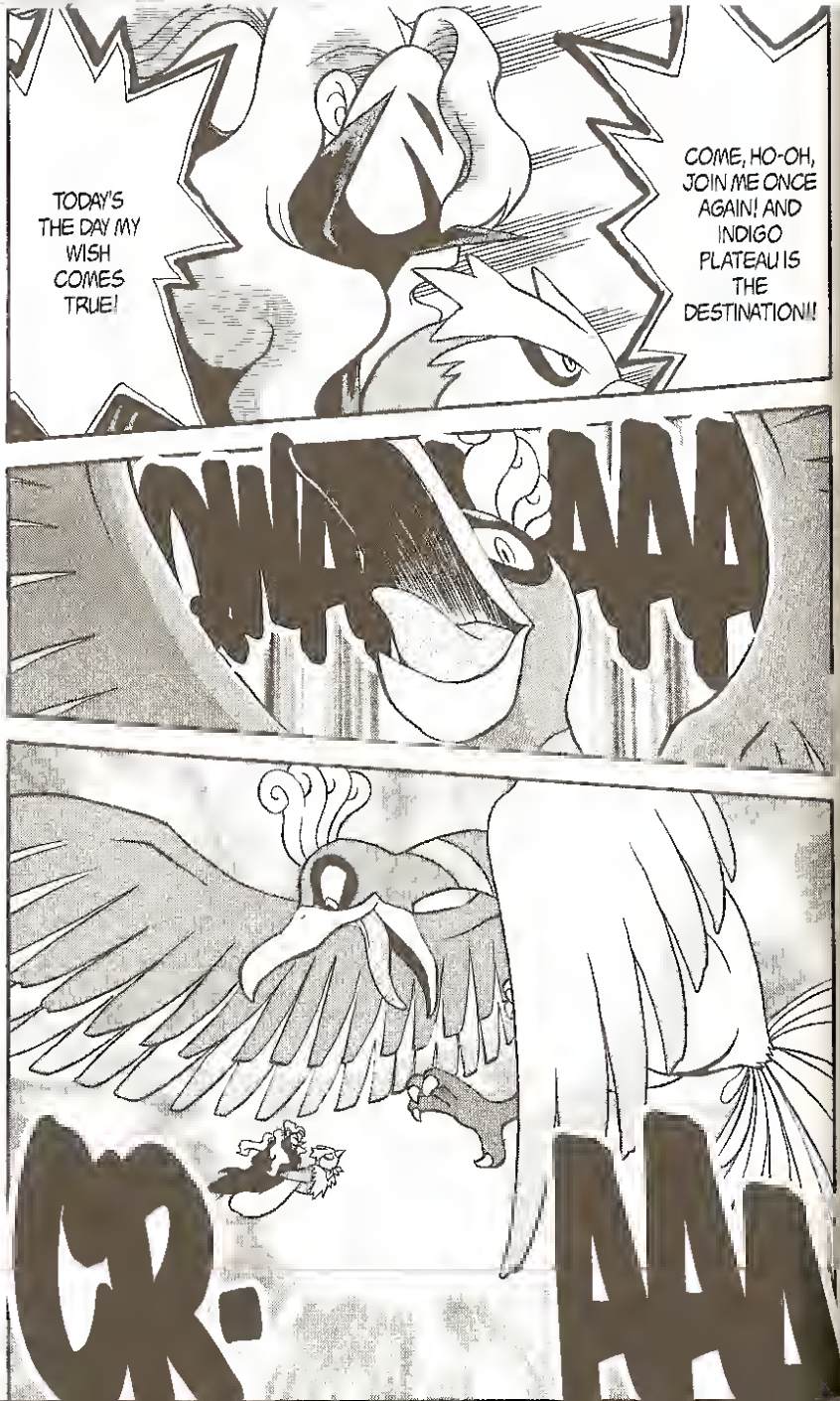

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN.
WELCOME TO THE LEAGUE...
... HELD EVERY THREE YEARS, WHERE THE STRONGEST TRAINER OF THE COUNTRY IS DECIDED.
OHHHHHHHHHH
POKÉMON LEAGUE IN INDIGO PLATEAU STARTS NOW!!
THE TENTH LEAGUE HAS RECEIVED MORE THAT 20,000 APPLICATIONS FROM ALL CORNERS OF JOHTO AND KANTO! OF WHICH 700 HAVE ENTERED!!
AAA
GOLDENROD RADIO
AAA
THE BATTLE FOR THE TOP SEAT IN TRAINERS IS STARTING!!
AND GOLDENROD RADIO WILL BRING YOU EXCLUSIVE NEWS 'LIVE' FROM INDIGO PLATEAU!!
FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY, MARY MAKES SURE YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING IN THIS FOUR-HOUR SPECIAL!!

THE PAST WINNERS OF POKÉMON LEAGUE WERE ALL TRAINERS FROM KANTO, PALLET TOWN.
WILL HISTORY BE MADE TODAY OR WILL THIS RECORD BE BROKEN!?
IN THE FIRST PART OF THE CEREMONY ...
WE WELCOME THE PREVIOUS WINNER...
... TRAINER FROM PALLET TOWN, RED!!
SILENCE
... UM, EXCUSE ME.
DUE TO SOME MATTERS, RED IS NOT ABLE TO COME TODAY.
LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT HIS BATTLE THEN.
THIS IS ONE OF THE BATTLES IN THE PREVIOUS LEAGUE.
BO
BO
WHAT !?
OH COME ON!!


NEXT, THE SECOND SEGMENT!
HURRY-!
THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S LEAGUE, THE EXHIBITION MATCH OF EIGHT KANTO LEADERS VS EIGHT JOHTO LEADERS!!
THE PRIDE OF EACH CITY WILL GATHER FOR AN ESPECIALLY HIGH-LEVEL BATTLE!
THEY REPRESENT THE BEST OF THE TRAINERS!!
BE PREPARED FOR THE MOST EXCITING OF BATTLES!!
HOHHHH
CLAP
CLAPCLAP

GWWWWW
HEH HEH HEH. THEY MUST BE GETTING ALL EXCITED NOW FOR THE LEAGUE.
THEY'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH THAT THE REAL PARTY HAS NOT STARTED YET!!
WITH THE GLOWING STATUE, THEY KNOW THAT THE OWNER IS RETURNING SOON.
BUT THEY WOULDN'T EVEN DREAM THAT TODAY'S THE DAY!
COS' ...
BYAAAA
... THE STATUE WAS CREATED ...
... BY NONE OTHER THAN ME!!


IT'S BEEN NINE YEARS, HO-OH!

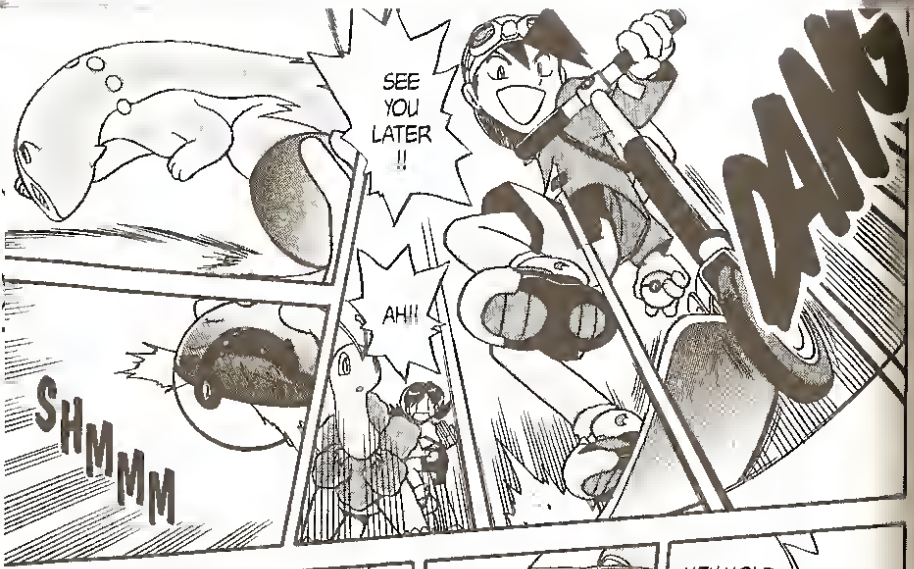


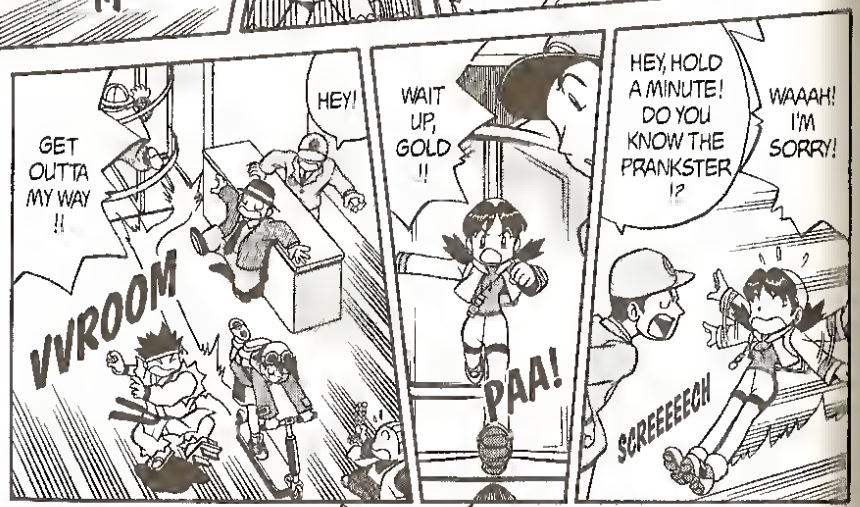
CHAPTER 154 STOP THE PRANKS, YANMA!

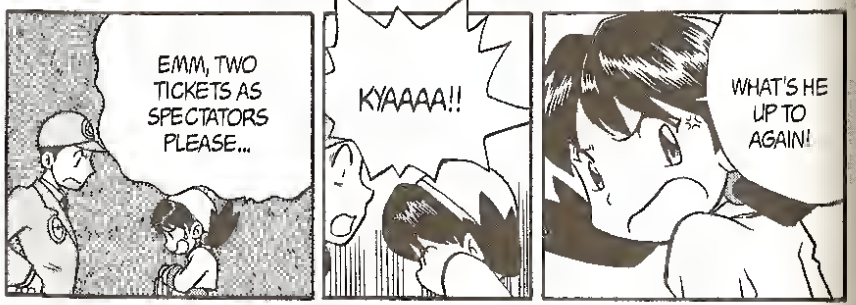
ROUTE 23
TOTTOTTTOTTTOT
AH... I DIDN'T KNOW IT'S SO FAR.
OHHH... I'M HUNGRY...
OH! I STILL HAVE SOME OF THE SWEET POTATOES I GOT AT CIANWOOD!
CATCH. DON'T EAT TOO MUCH AND GET FAT THOUGH.
WHAT !?
THROW
DO YOU ALWAYS TALK LIKE THIS TO GIRLS? AND THIS ISN'T COOKED AT ALL!
OH, OKAY. EXPLOTARO!

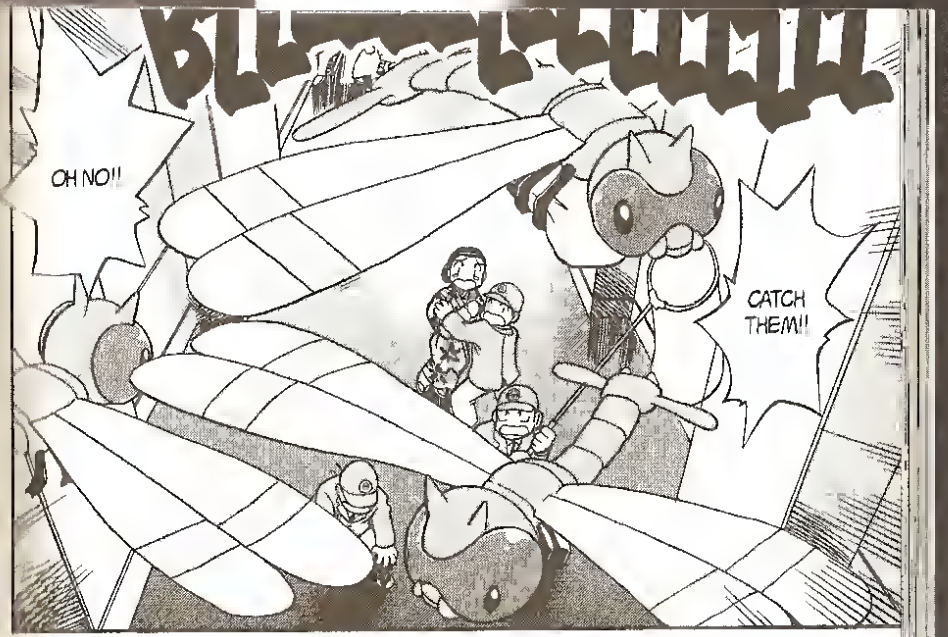
BWAA
...
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
HA HA HA! I WANTED TO HEAT IT FOR YOU.
GUESS THE FIRE WAS TOO STRONG. THIS IS A COMMON MISTAKE. DON'T GET UPSET, CHRIS!
CLUTCH CLUTCH
DON'T GET UPSET !?
WHAT IF I WAS BURNED! GOLD!!
THROW
CHAPTER 154
STOP THE PRANKS, YANMA!

TOTTTOTOTTTOTOTTTO
YOU SHOULD...
WAAAAH!! I KNOW I KNOW!! STOP SCOLDING!
HEY! I CAN SEE IT NOW!!
WE'RE REACHING THE INDIGO PLATEAU!!
HUH?
ENTRANCE FEE FOR AUDIENCE... AND PARTICIPANTS .. THIS'S SO TROUBLE-SOME!
GO!

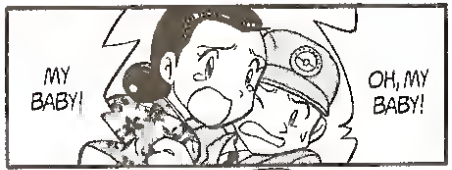

SEE YOU LATER !!
AH!!
SHMMM
CAMP

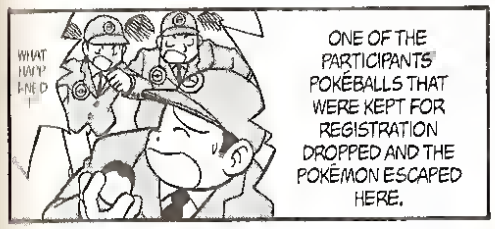

GET OUTTA MY WAY !!
HEY!
VVROOM
WAIT UP, GOLD !!
PAA!
HEY, HOLD A MINUTE! DO YOU KNOW THE PRANKSTER !?
WAAAH! I'M SORRY!
SCREEEEECH


EMM, TWO TICKETS AS SPECTATORS PLEASE...
KYAAAA!!
WHAT'S HE UP TO AGAIN!

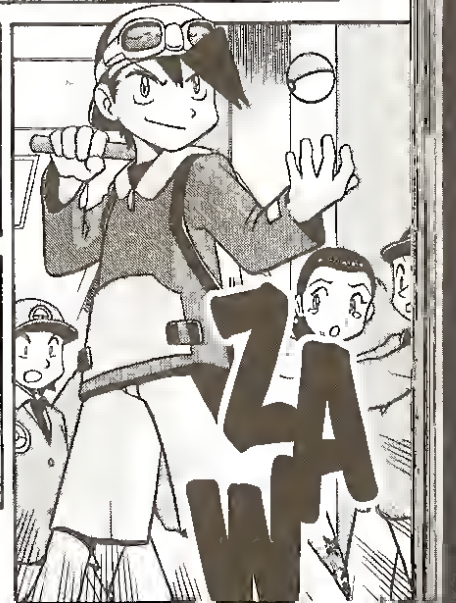

OH NO!!
CATCH THEM!!

WAIL !!
WAIL !!


MY BABY!
OH, MY BABY!


WHAT HAPPENED !?
ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS POKÉBALLS THAT WERE KEPT FOR REGISTRATION DROPPED AND THE POKÉMON ESCAPED HERE.

WE MUST CATCH THEM FAST!
GET THE TRAINER OF THE YANMA!
LEAVE IT TO ME!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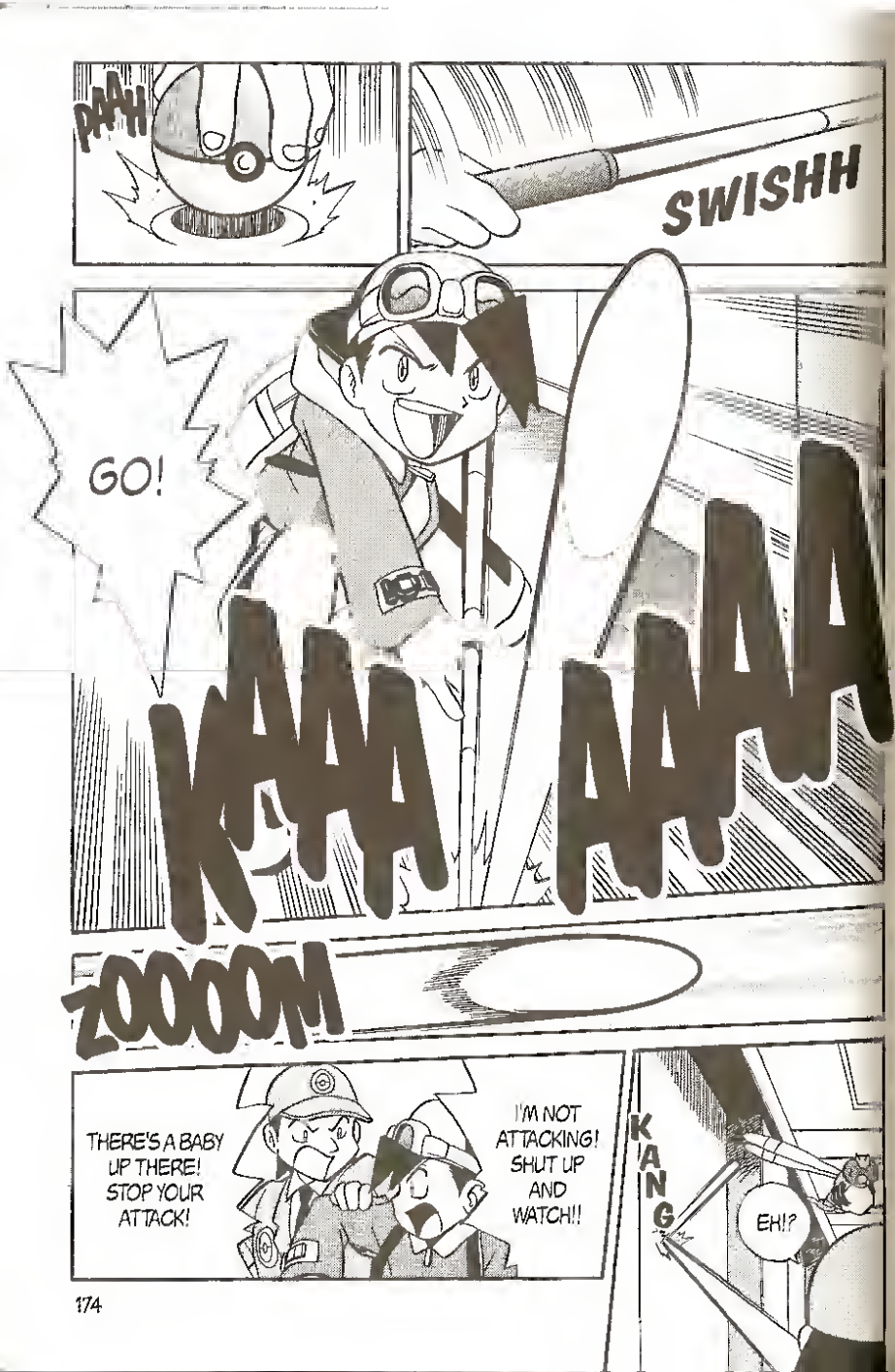
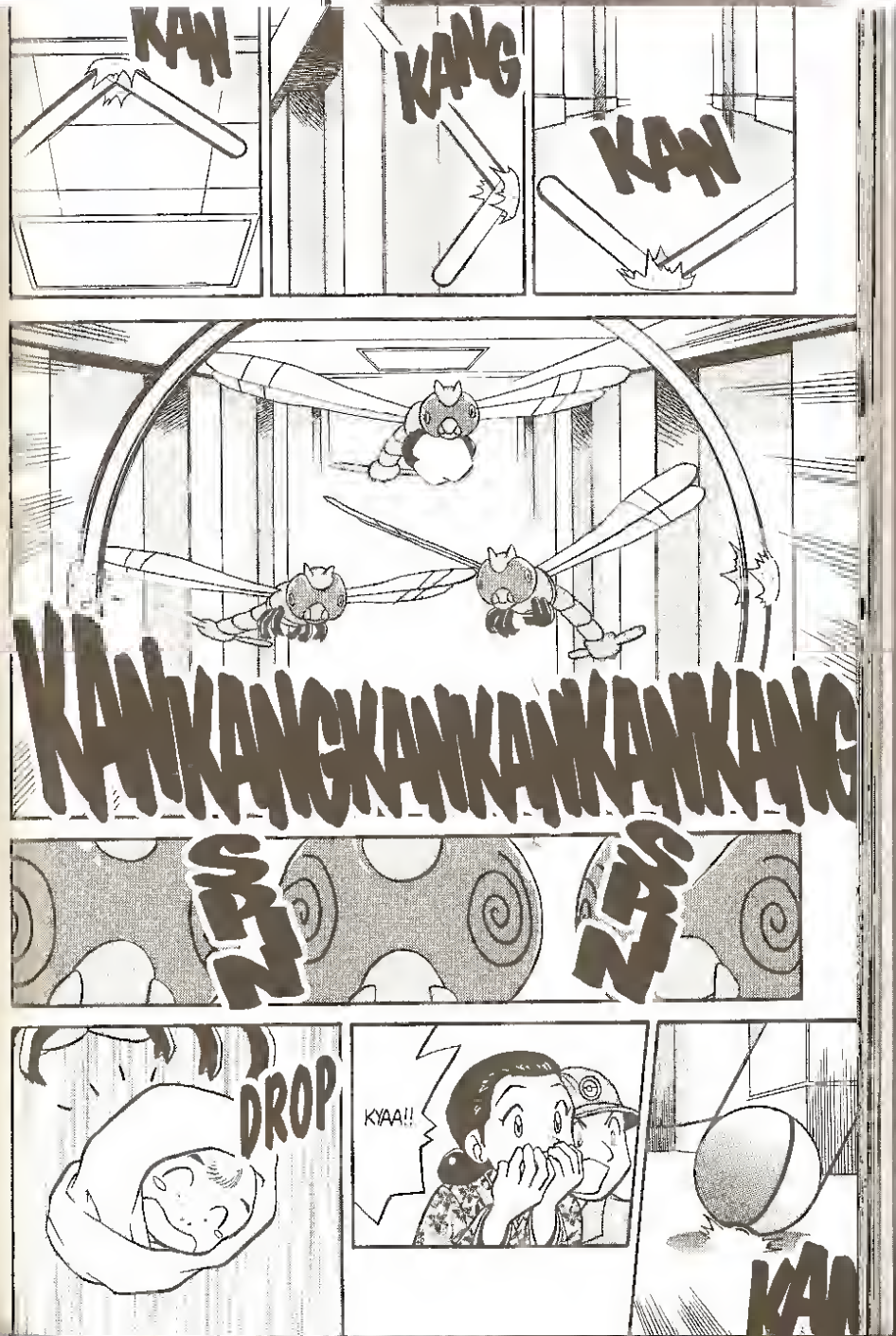
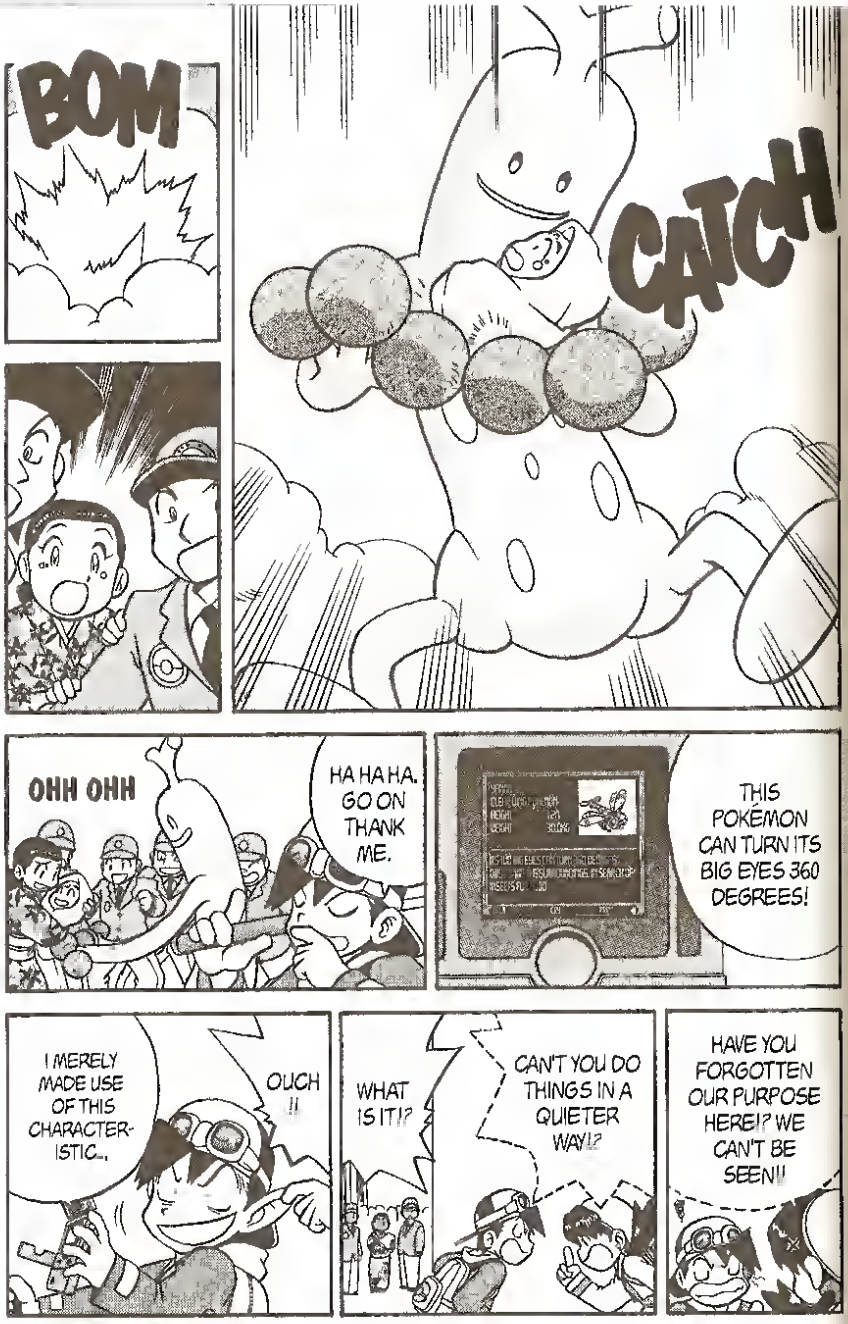
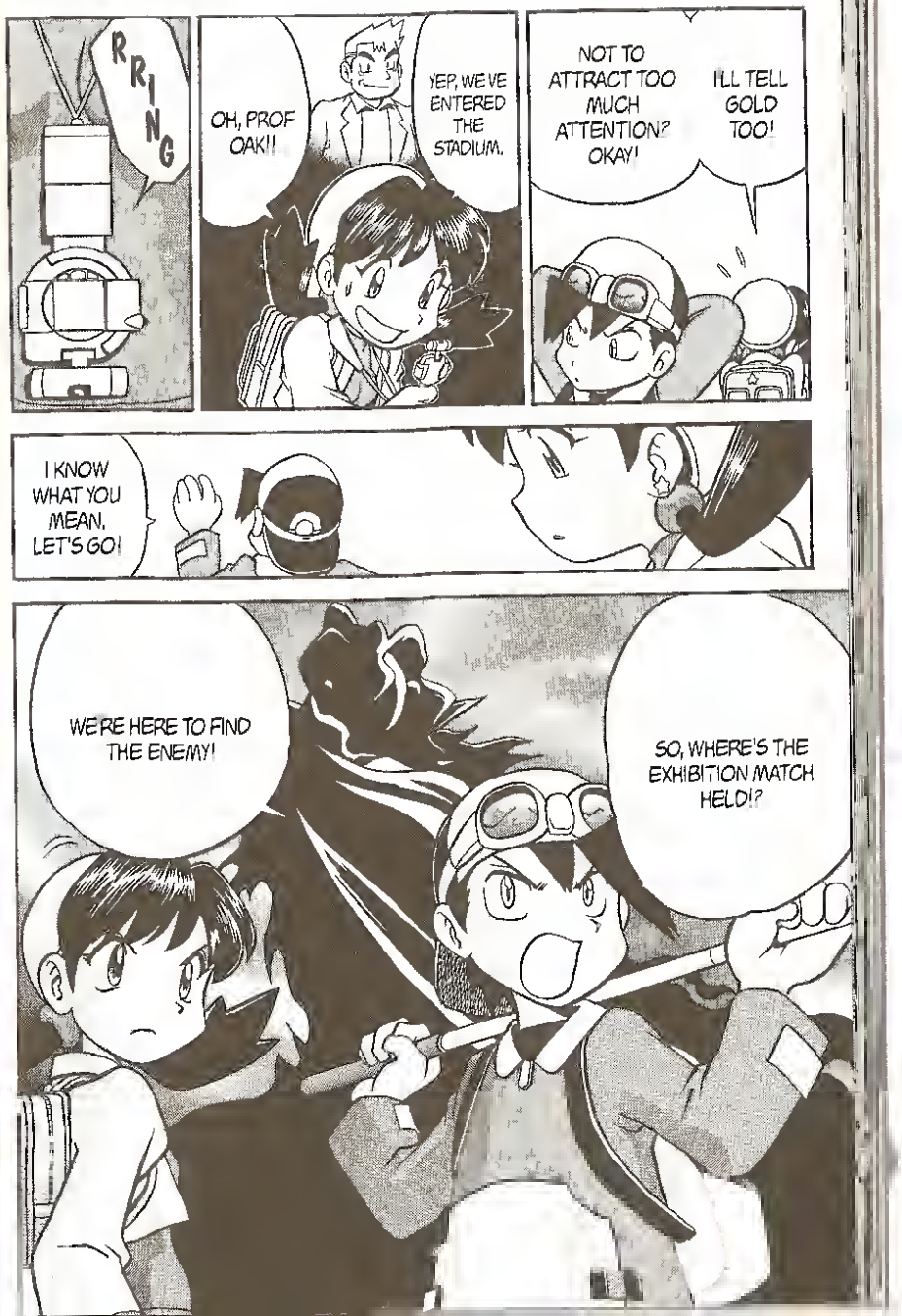
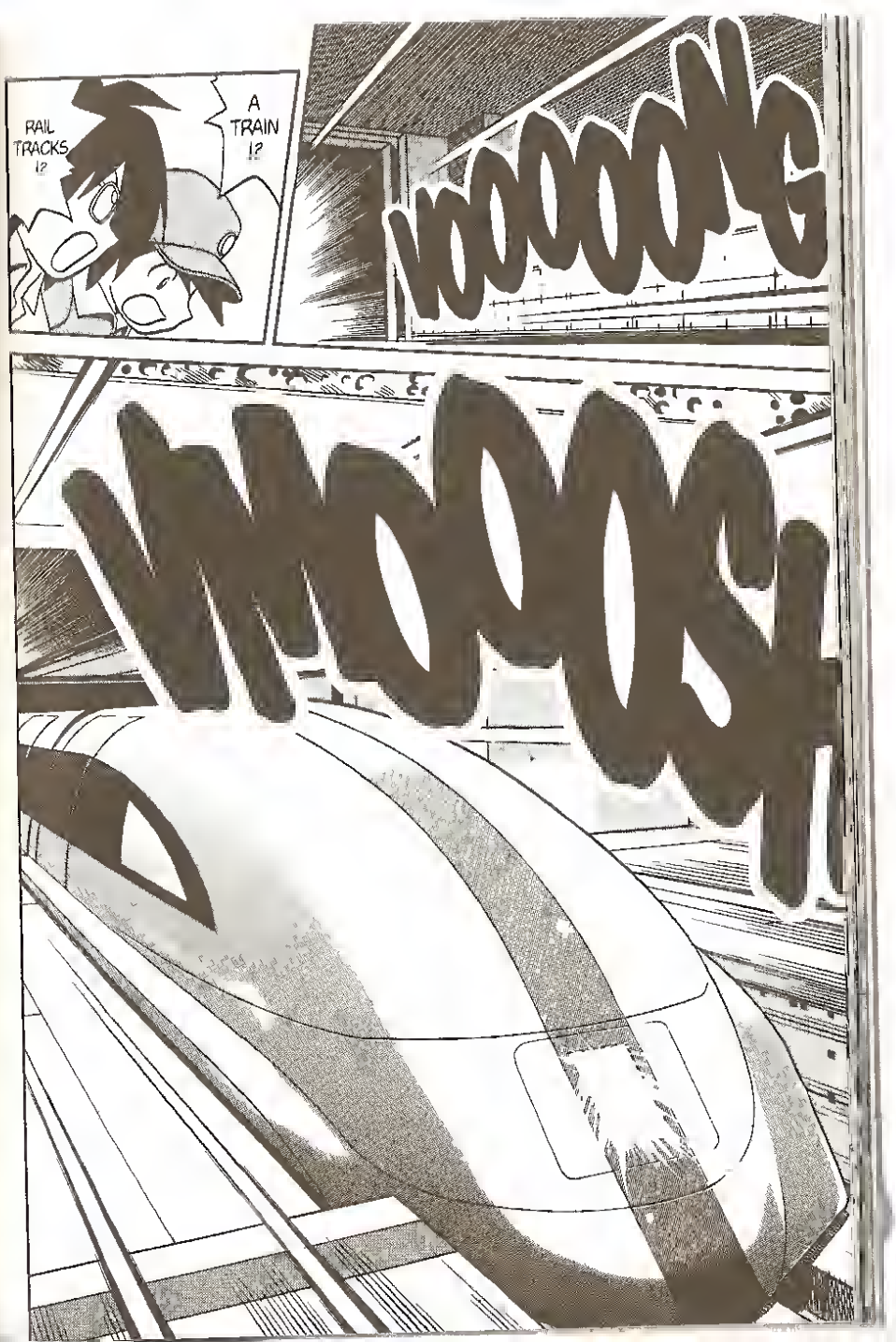

PAAH
SWISHH
GO!
KAAA
AAAA
ZOOOOM
THERE'S A BABY UP THERE! STOP YOUR ATTACK!
I'M NOT ATTACKING! SHUT UP AND WATCH!!
KANG
EH!?

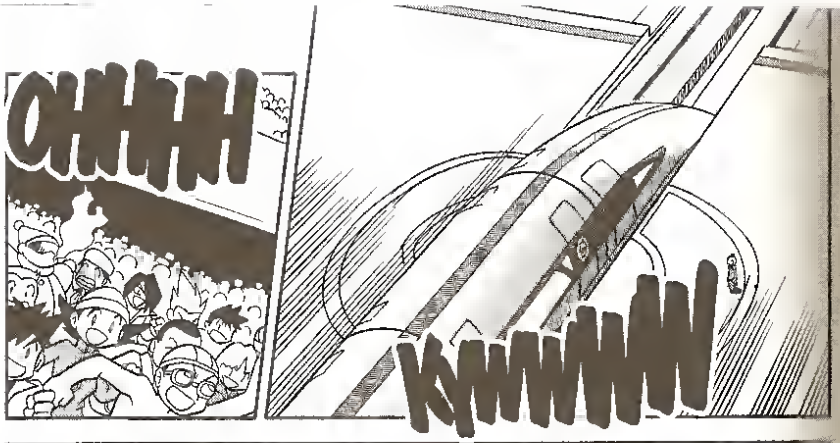

KAN
KANG
KAN
KANKANGKANKANKANKANG
SPIN
SPIN
DROP
KYAA!!
KAA


BOM
CATCH
OHH OHH
HA HA HA. GO ON THANK ME.
THIS POKÉMON CAN TURN ITS BIG EYES 360 DEGREES!
I MERELY MADE USE OF THIS CHARACTER-ISTIC...
OUCH !!
WHAT IS IT!?
CAN'T YOU DO THINGS IN A QUIETER WAY!?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN OUR PURPOSE HERE!? WE CAN'T BE SEEN!!

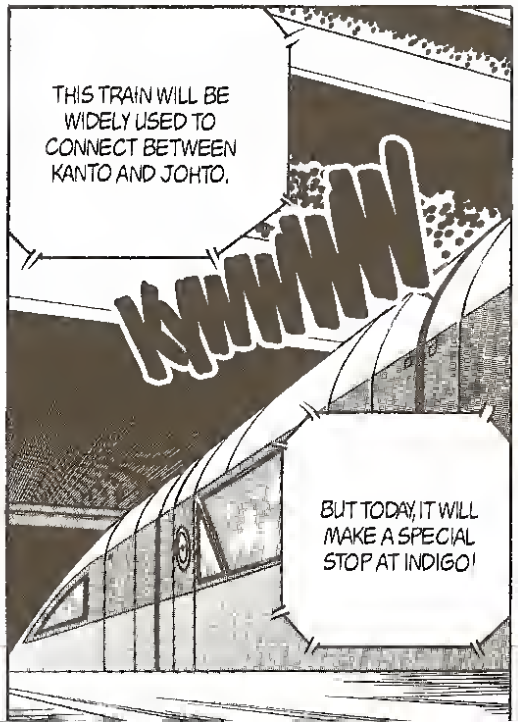

RRING
OH, PROF OAK!!
YEP, WE'VE ENTERED THE STADIUM.
NOT TO ATTRACT TOO MUCH ATTENTION? OKAY!
I'LL TELL GOLD TOO!
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. LET'S GO!
WE'RE HERE TO FIND THE ENEMY!
SO, WHERE'S THE EXHIBITION MATCH HELD!?

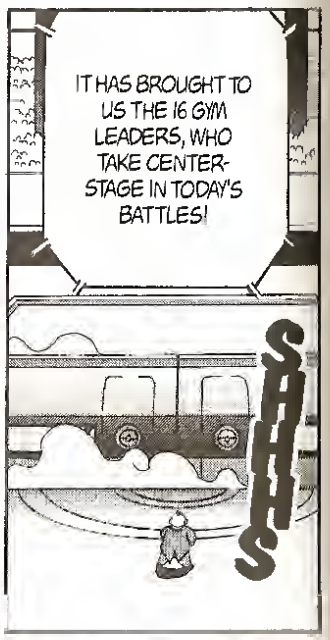
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
LOOK! THE BATTLE STAGE'S SPLIT INTO HALF!!
GAAAAAAAAASH
GAAAAAAA

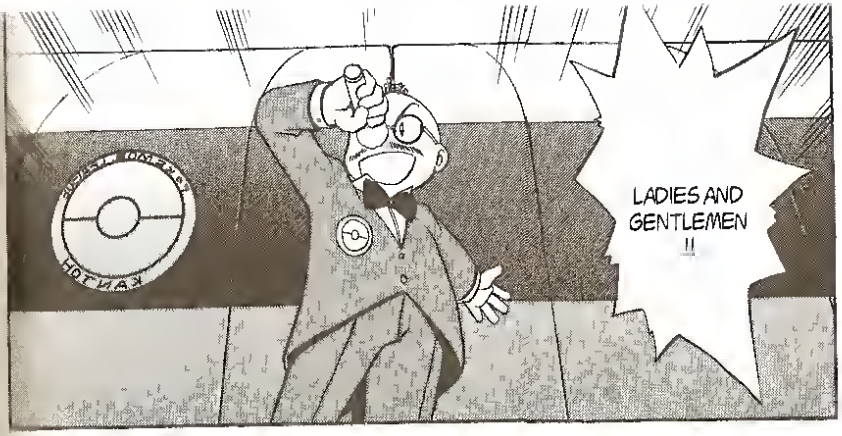

RAIL TRACKS !?
A TRAIN !?
WOOOOOOG
WOOOSH

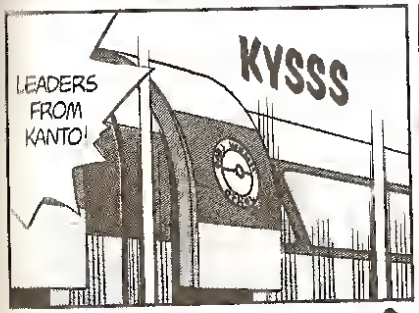

OHHHH
KYWWWWW

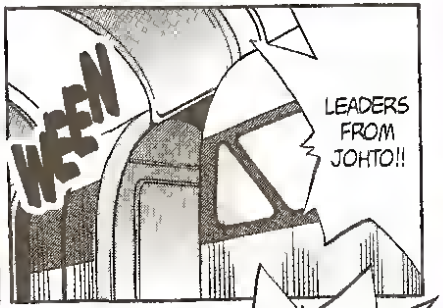
LOOK!!
THE "LINEAR MOTOR CAR SYSTEM" HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED IN TIME FOR TODAY'S EVENT!! TODAY'S THE FIRST TIME IT IS USED!!


THIS TRAIN WILL BE WIDELY USED TO CONNECT BETWEEN KANTO AND JOHTO.
KYWWWWW
BUT TODAY, IT WILL MAKE A SPECIAL STOP AT INDIGO!

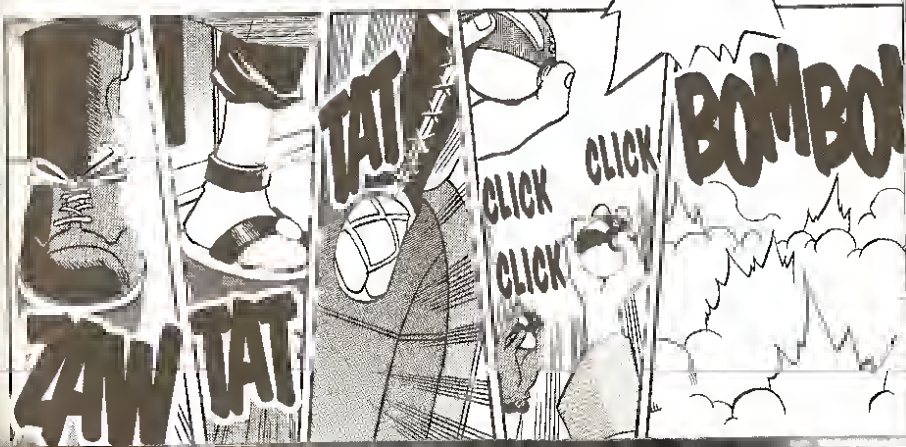

IT HAS BROUGHT TO US THE 16 GYM LEADERS, WHO TAKE CENTER-STAGE IN TODAY'S BATTLES!
SHHHS

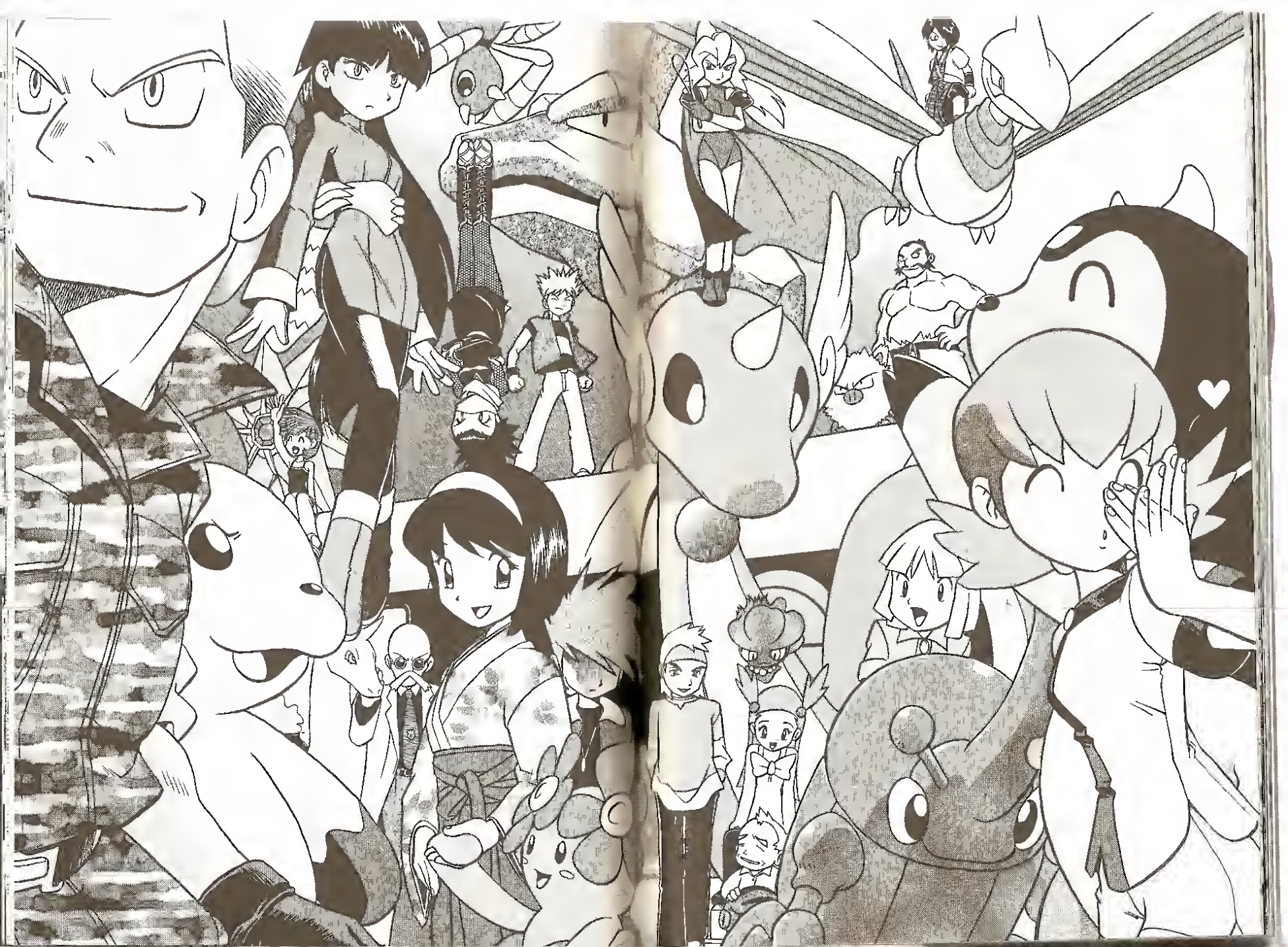

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN !!

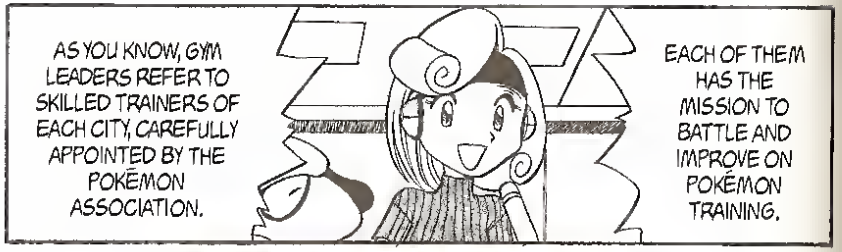

LEADERS FROM KANTO!
KYSSS

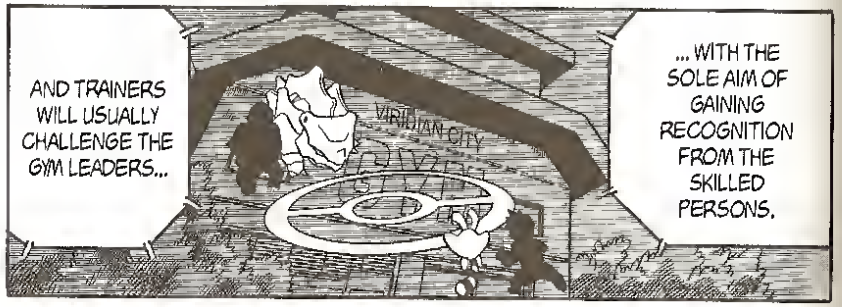

WEEN
LEADERS FROM JOHTO!!

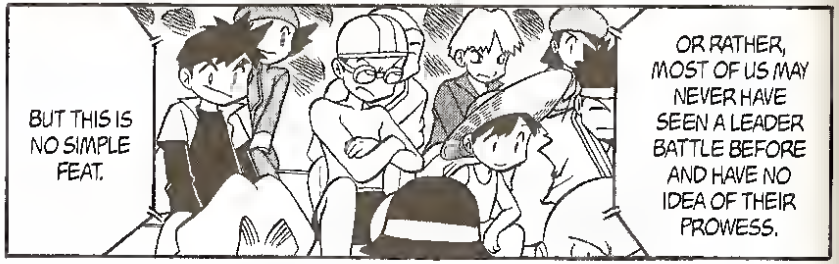
OHHOHH
GO FOR IT KANTO!
LET'S WELCOME THE GYM LEADERS!!

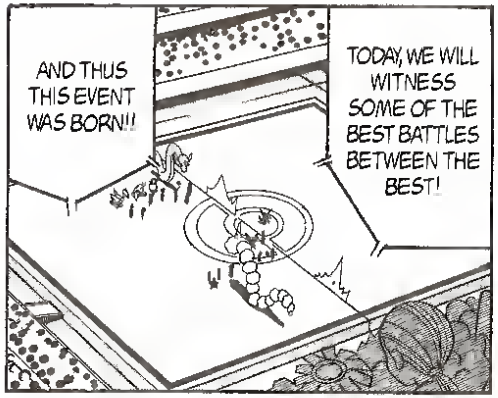

ZAW
TAT
TAT
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
BOMBOM



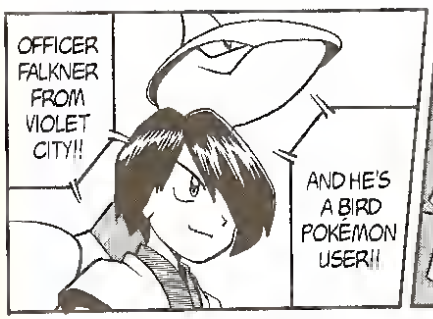

AS YOU KNOW, GYM LEADERS REFER TO SKILLED TRAINERS OF EACH CITY, CAREFULLY APPOINTED BY THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION.
EACH OF THEM HAS THE MISSION TO BATTLE AND IMPROVE ON POKÉMON TRAINING.

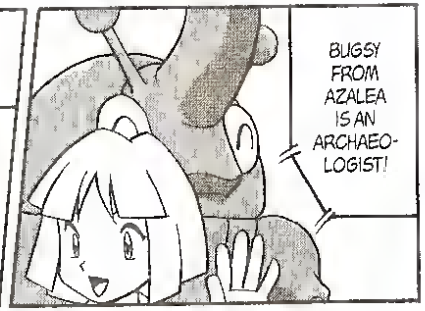

AND TRAINERS WILL USUALLY CHALLENGE THE GYM LEADERS...
VIRIDIAN CITY
... WITH THE SOLE AIM OF GAINING RECOGNITION FROM THE SKILLED PERSONS.


BUT THIS IS NO SIMPLE FEAT.
OR RATHER, MOST OF US MAY NEVER HAVE SEEN A LEADER BATTLE BEFORE AND HAVE NO IDEA OF THEIR PROWESS.

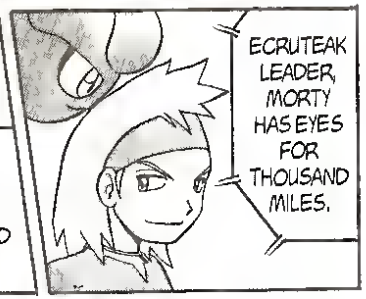

AND THUS THIS EVENT WAS BORN!!
TODAY, WE WILL WITNESS SOME OF THE BEST BATTLES BETWEEN THE BEST!

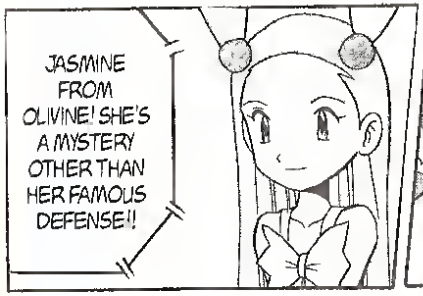
LET US INTRODUCE THE GYM LEADERS!!
FIRST, FROM JOHTO !!

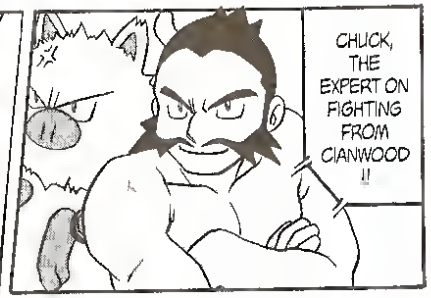

OFFICER FALKNER FROM VIOLET CITY!!
AND HE'S A BIRD POKÉMON USER!!

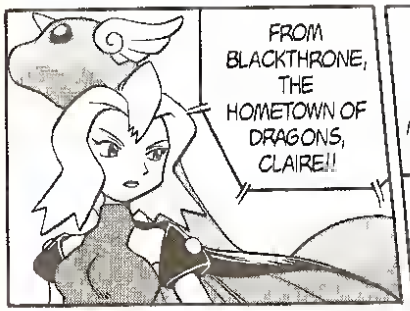

BUGSY FROM AZALEA IS AN ARCHAEO-LOGIST!

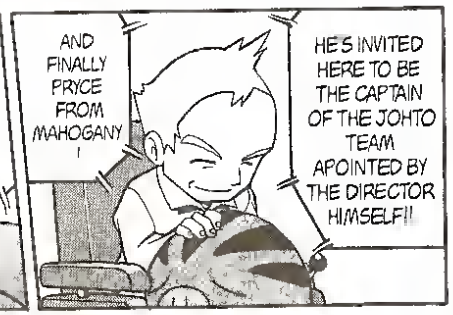
AND OUR DYNAMITE BEAUTY!
WHITNEY FROM GOLDENROD !!


ECRUTEAK LEADER, MORTY HAS EYES FOR THOUSAND MILES.

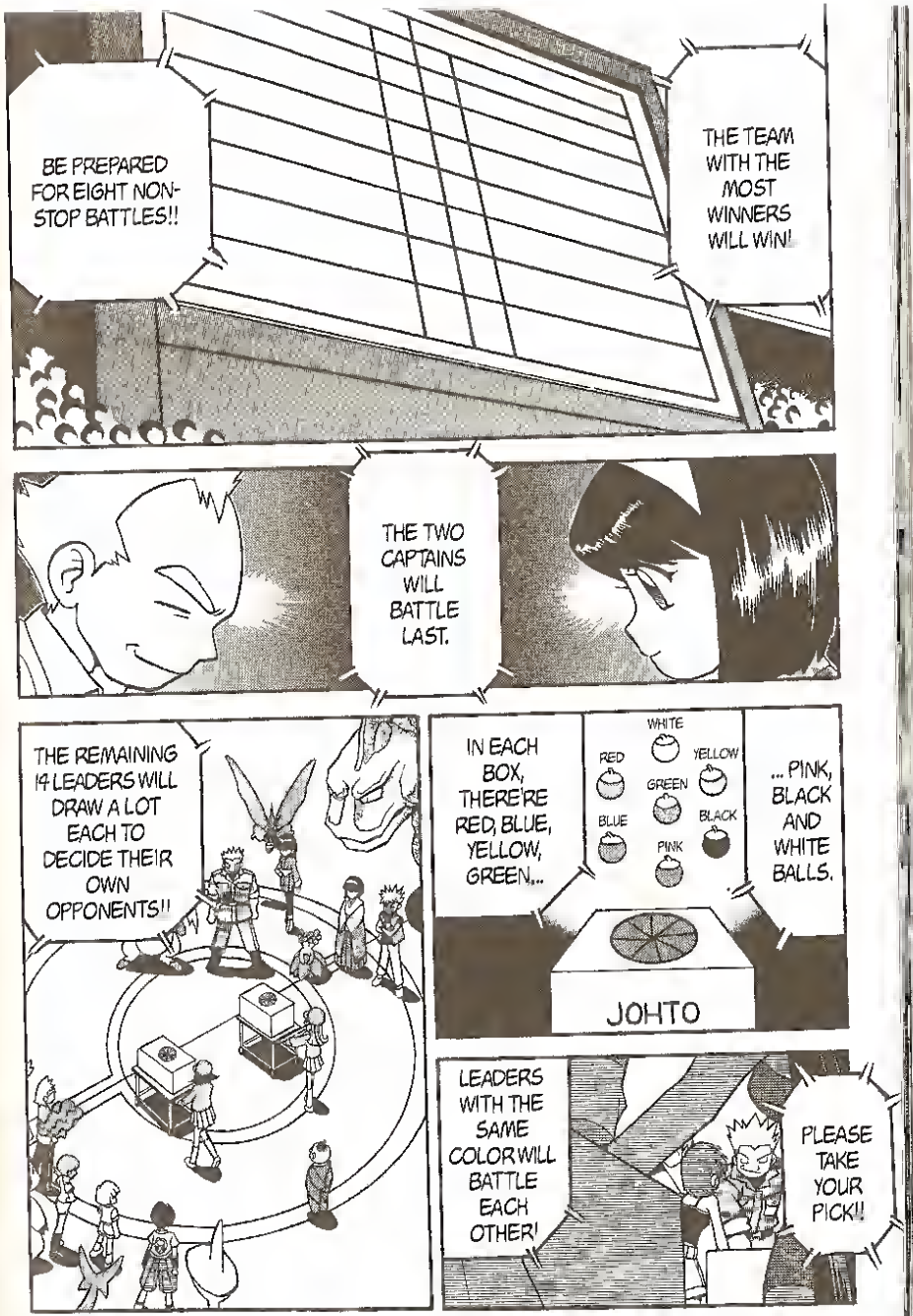

JASMINE FROM OLIVINE! SHE'S A MYSTERY OTHER THAN HER FAMOUS DEFENSE!!

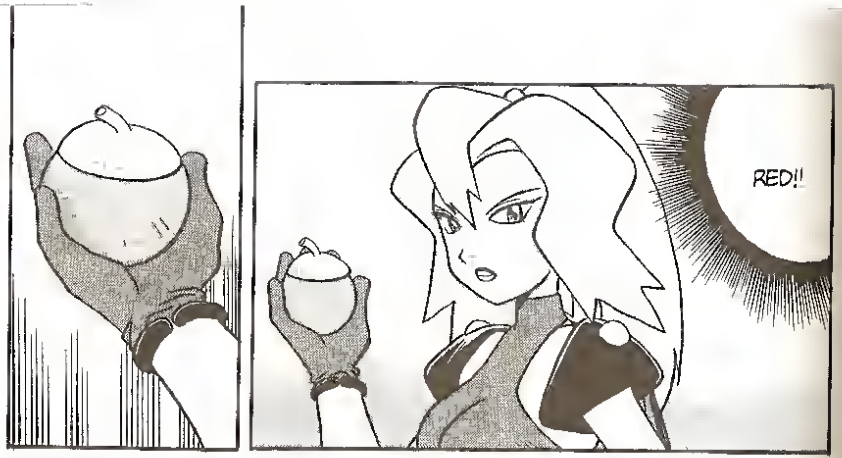

CHUCK, THE EXPERT ON FIGHTING FROM CIANWOOD !!

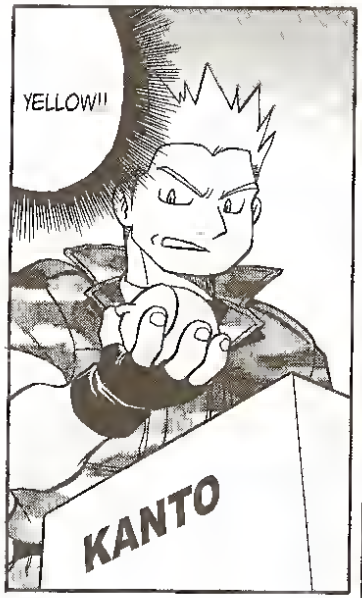

FROM BLACKTHRONE, THE HOMETOWN OF DRAGONS, CLAIRE!!


AND FINALLY PRYCE FROM MAHOGANY !
HE'S INVITED HERE TO BE THE CAPTAIN OF THE JOHTO TEAM APOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR HIMSELF!!

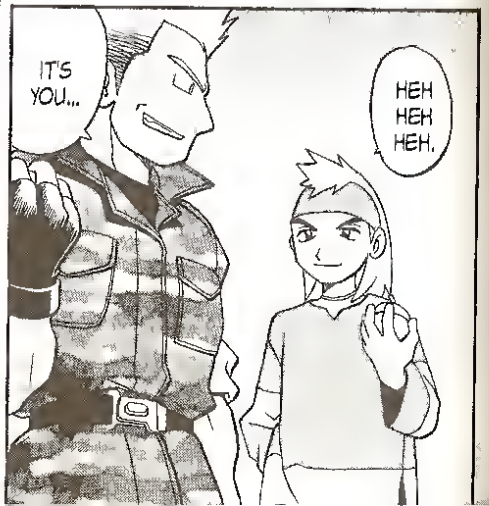
ON THE KANTO SIDE!!
ALL THE WAY FROM CERULEAN, MISTY!
BROCK FROM PEWTER CITY!!
THE MAN IS STRONGER THAN ROCKS!!
FROM CINNABAR, BLAINE!
HE'S KNOWN FOR HIS POKÉMON ECOLOGY STUDIES !!
LT. SURGE FROM VERMILION GYM!!
BE IMPRESSED BY HIS ELECTRIFYING ATTACKS TODAY!!
WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL LEADER HERE!
REPRESENTATIVE OF SAFFRON, SABRINA!
AND OUR MOST MYSTERIOUS NINJA!
JANINE FROM FUCHSIA GYM!!
A NEW LEADER OF VIRIDIAN !
THE FIRST RUNNER-UP OF THE LAST LEAGUE, BLUE!!
AND THE CAPTAIN OF KANTO...
... IS THE DEMURE ERIKA!!


BE PREPARED FOR EIGHT NON-STOP BATTLES!!
THE TEAM WITH THE MOST WINNERS WILL WIN!
THE TWO CAPTAINS WILL BATTLE LAST.
THE REMAINING 14 LEADERS WILL DRAW A LOT EACH TO DECIDE THEIR OWN OPPONENTS!!
IN EACH BOX, THERE'RE RED, BLUE, YELLOW, GREEN...
WHITE
RED
YELLOW
GREEN
BLUE
BLACK
PINK
... PINK, BLACK AND WHITE BALLS.
JOHTO
LEADERS WITH THE SAME COLOR WILL BATTLE EACH OTHER!
PLEASE TAKE YOUR PICK!!

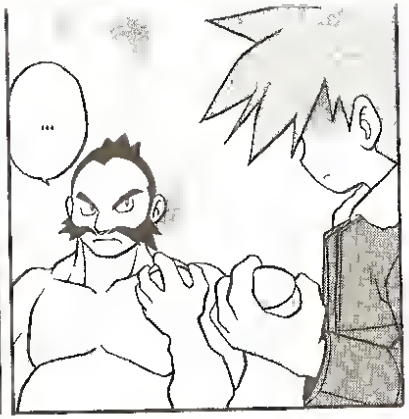

RED!!


YELLOW!!
KANTO

MINE'S YELLOW TOO.


IT'S YOU...
HEH HEH HEH.

... WHITE!!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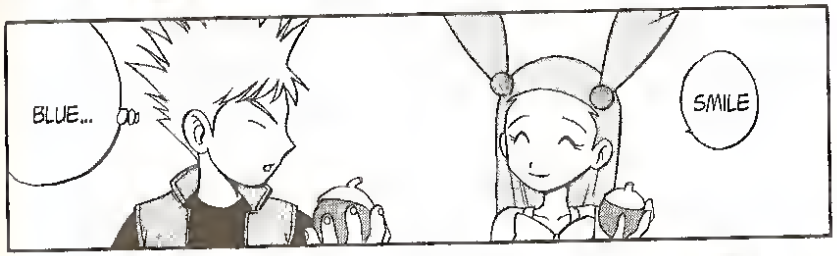
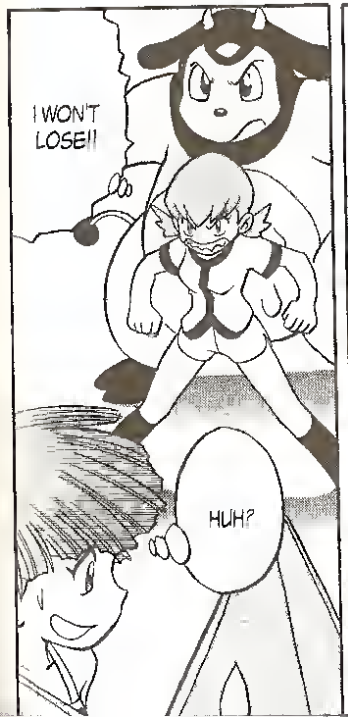
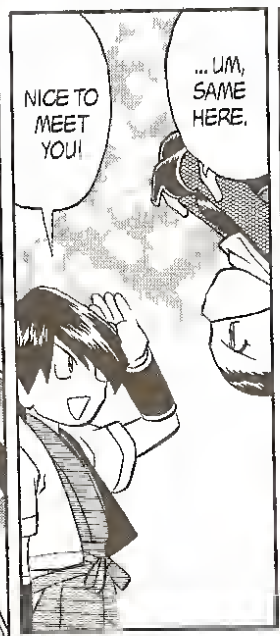

BLUE...
SMILE


I WON'T LOSE!!
HUH?


NICE TO MEET YOU!
... UM, SAME HERE.

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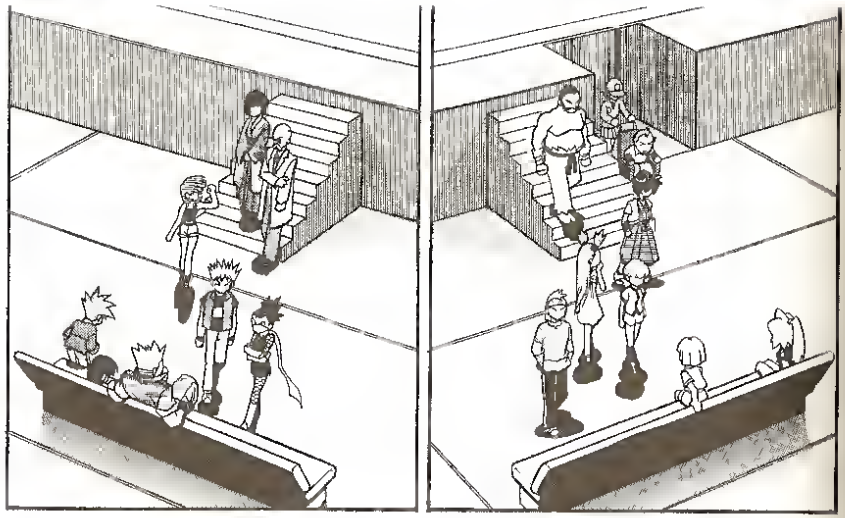
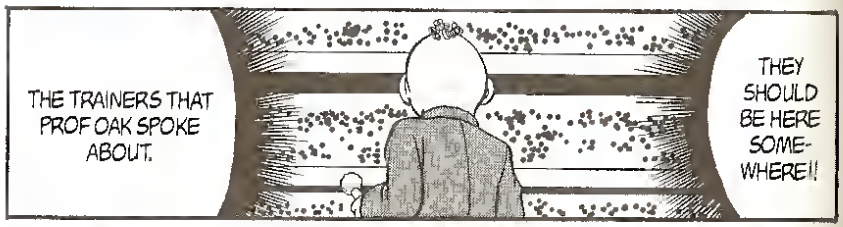
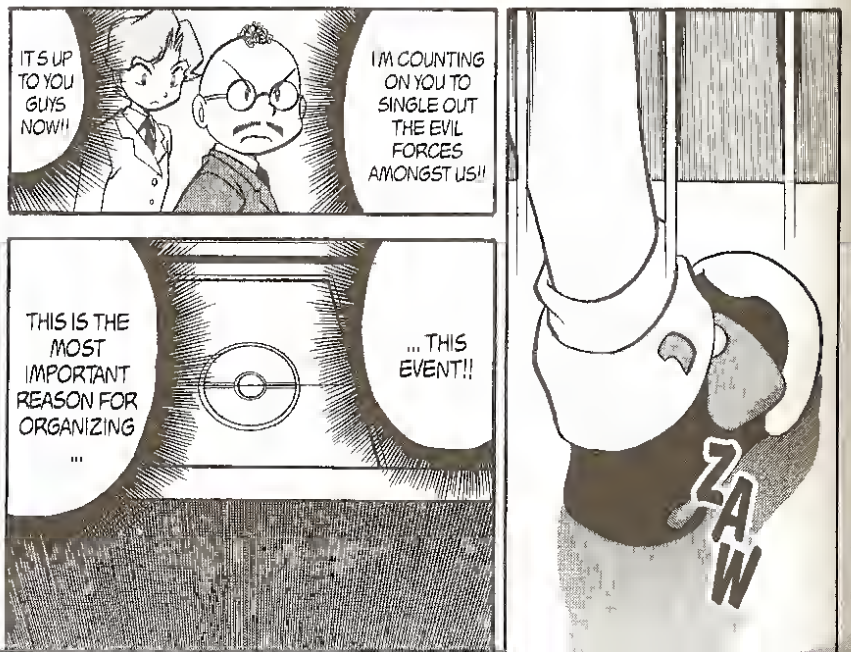
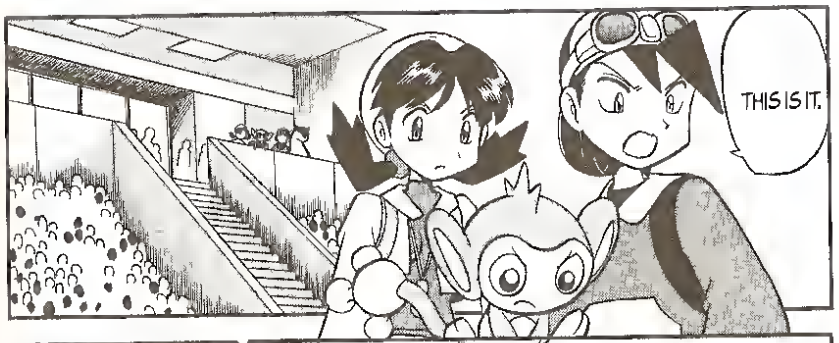
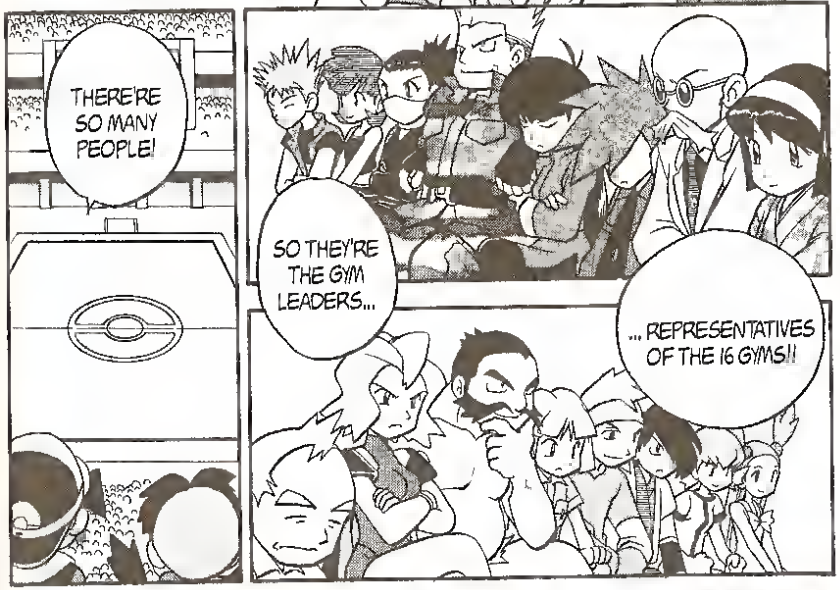
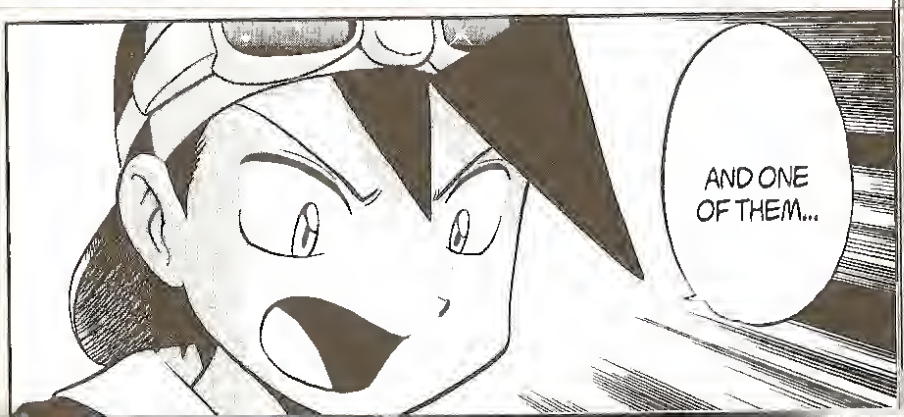


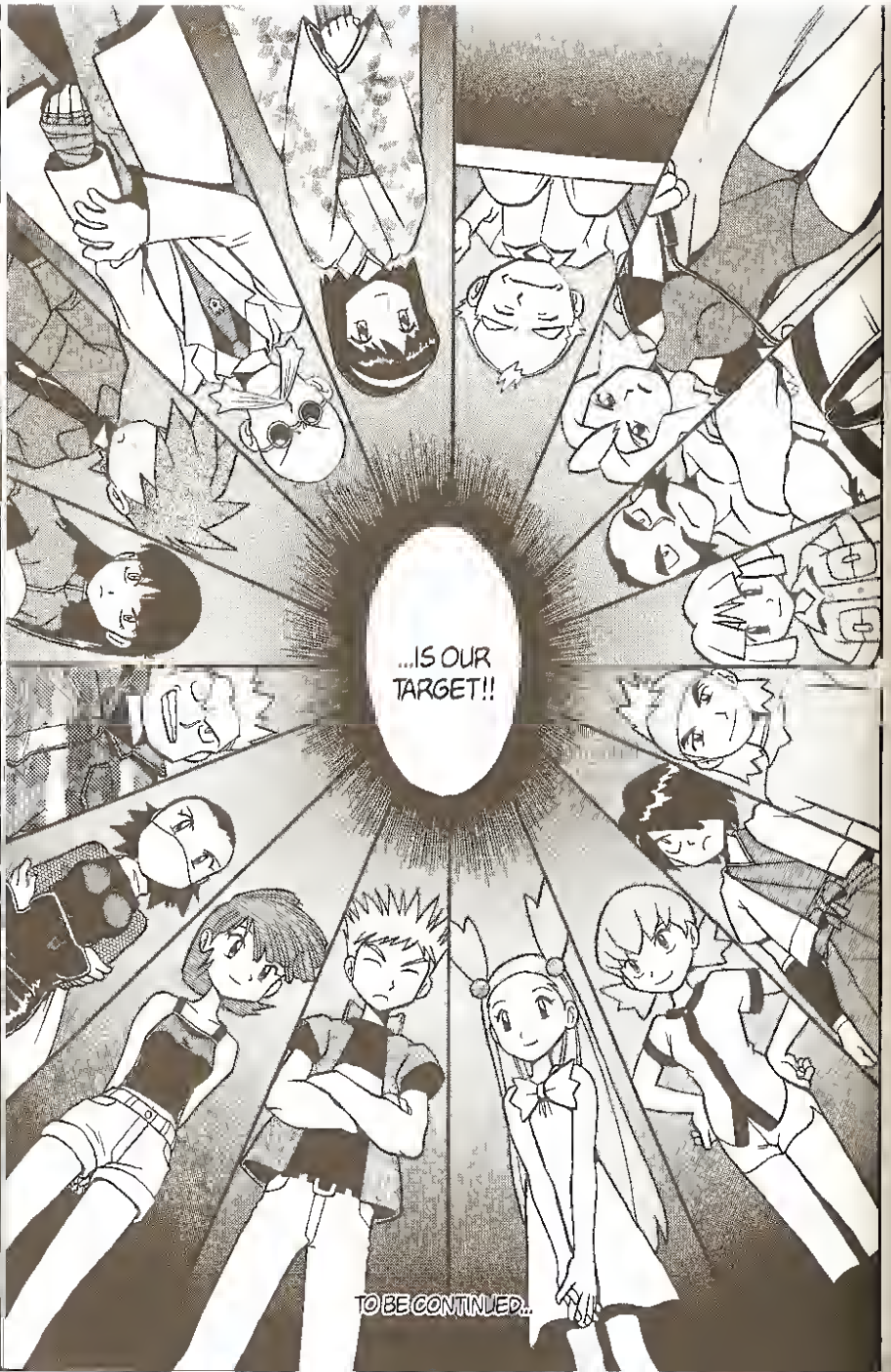

THE TRAINERS THAT PROF OAK SPOKE ABOUT.
THEY SHOULD BE HERE SOME-WHERE!!


IT'S UP TO YOU GUYS NOW!!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO SINGLE OUT THE EVIL FORCES AMONGST US!!
THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON FOR ORGANIZING ...
... THIS EVENT!!
ZAW


THIS IS IT.

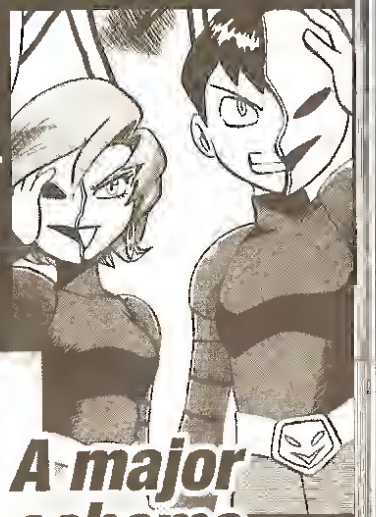

THERE'RE SO MANY PEOPLE!
SO THEY'RE THE GYM LEADERS...
... REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 16 GYMS!!


AND ONE OF THEM...



IN THE NEXT VOLUME:

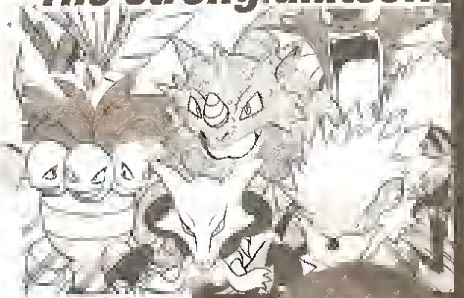
Intruders barge in, creating havoc at the league in the midst of a thrilling battle! On the other hand, the masked man obtains an invincible strength for his greater purpose. What could that be...!?



A major scheme...

...behind the league!!

The strong unites!!



...more exciting battles coming up!!

WATCH OUT FOR IT!

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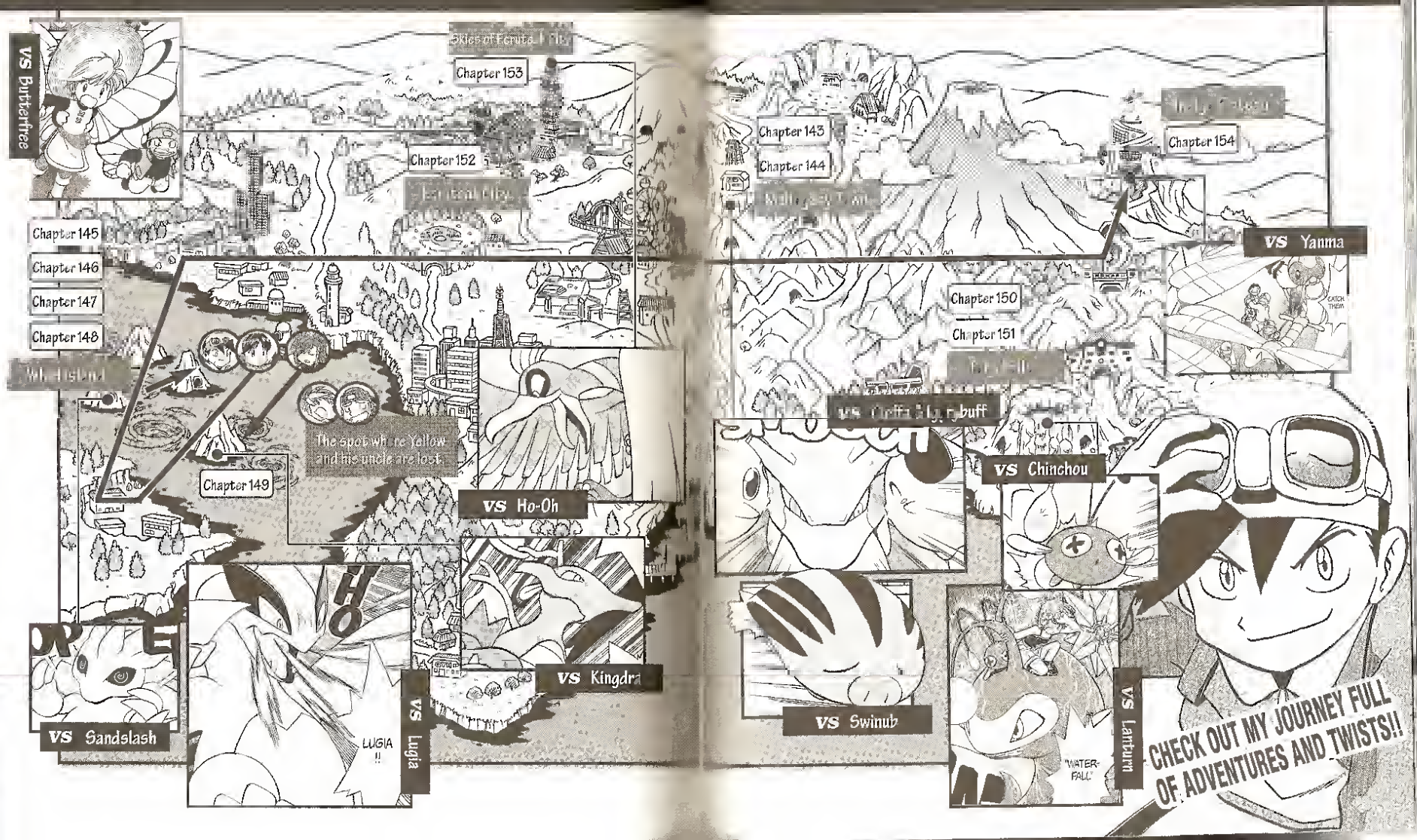
Gotta catch them all!

POKÉMON ADVENTURES

Route Map 12

See for yourself the movements of each trainer with this map! And those unforgettable battles!!



Gold's Pokédex

- **Typlosion** : L40 — Type 1: Fire — Original Owner: Gold — No. 157
- **Aipom** : L39 — Type 1: Normal — Original Owner: Gold — No. 190
- **Sunkern** : L35 — Type 1: Grass — Original Owner: Gold — No. 191
- **Politoed** : L38 — Type 1: Water — Original Owner: Gold — No. 186
- **Sudowoodo** : L38 — Type 1: Rock — Original Owner: Gold — No. 185
- **Mantine** : L20 — Type 1: Water — Type 2: Flying — Original Owner: Gold — No. 226

Gold's team as of Chapter 154

With the addition of Water-Flying-Type Mantine, Gold can scale the skies now! (Togepi was transported back using Chris' Portable Transporter when Mantine joined.)

Gold's Team
Silver's Team
Chris's Team

Total Examination of Three Pokédex

The three owners of the new Pokédex finally meet one another. And the contents of each Pokédex...!?

Sliver's Pokédex

- **Feraligator** : L40 — Type 1: Water — Original Owner: Silver — No. 160
- **Ursaring** : L39 — Type 1: Normal — Original Owner: Silver — No. 217
- **Gyarados** : L35 — Type 1: Water — Type 2: Flying — Original Owner: Silver — No. 130
- **Murkrow** : L38 — Type 1: Dark — Type 2: Flying — Original Owner: Silver — No. 198
- **Sneasel** : L41 — Type 1: Dark — Type 2: Ice — Original Owner: Silver — No. 215
- **Kingdra** : L39 — Type 1: Water — Type 2: Dragon — Original Owner: Silver — No. 230

Silver's team as of Chapter 154

Croconaw has finally evolved to Feraligator! Everyone in Silver's team has proven itself in numerous battles!!

Chris's Pokédex

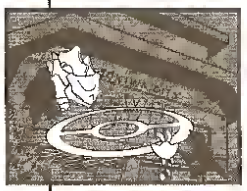
- **Natu** : L43 — Type 1: Psychic — Type 2: Flying — Original Owner: Crystal — No. 177
- **Meganium** : L39 — Type 1: Grass — Original Owner: Crystal — No. 154
- **Arcanine** : L52 — Type 1: Fire — Original Owner: Crystal — No. 059
- **Cubone** : L47 — Type 1: Ground — Original Owner: Crystal — No. 104
- **Parasect** : L46 — Type 1: Bug — Type 2: Grass — Original Owner: Crystal — No. 047
- **Hitmonchan** : L53 — Type 1: Fighting — Original Owner: Crystal — No. 107

No. Found	No. Caught
164 Pokémon	152 Pokémon

Chris's team as of Chapter 154

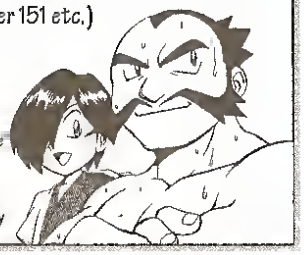
Mega has also evolved to the final stage. After meeting Gold and Silver, Chris has been involved in major battles, and her capture mission has been on a stall...

All the members strive in their battle skills

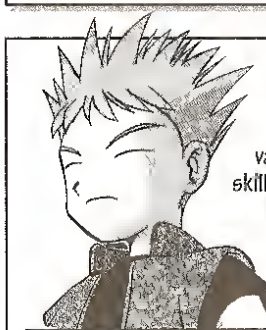


01 The Role of Gym Leaders

"Gym Leaders" are picked by the Pokemon Association, who answer the call to devote time and efforts to improve on battles skills and training of Pokemon. In most of the cases, these leaders are also known to be "experts" or the best trainer in a certain Pokemon type. And sometimes, they lead their towns or cities out of trouble. (Chapter 151 etc.)



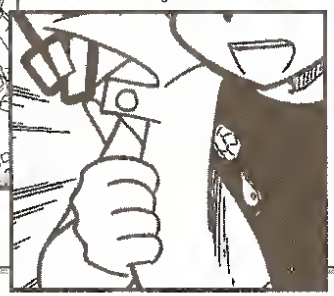
A certain expert type also gives each leader his individuality



02 How does a trainer challenge Gym Leaders?

Trainers come to gyms and challenge the various leaders to test their newly acquired skills. This is all for pushing themselves to new limits. However, this does not mean that a battle is granted just by going to the gym. It is up to the leader whether he accepts the challenge. (Chapter 4, 19 etc.)

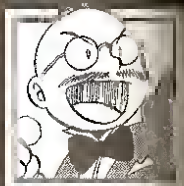
Trainers who are recognized for their battle skills will be awarded badges But these badges are limited in numbers and trainers who actually receive such recognition are few...



Of course some leaders also welcome challengers openly

There's more! The Gym Leader System!! Close Examination to Seven areas-

The Gym Leader System is administered by the Pokemon Association. Here we also go into the data of the 16 leaders.



Pokemon Association Director
The most important person in the Association!

03 Personal Data of 16 Gym Leaders from Kanto and Johto

Claire
① Blackthorn Gym
② Dragon
③ Rising Badge
④ None

Pryce
① Mahogany Gym
② Ice
③ Glacier Badge
④ Sculptor

Erika
① Celadon Gym
② Grass
③ Rainbow Badge
④ University Lecturer

Blaine
① Cinnabar Gym
② Fire
③ Volcano Badge
④ Pokemon Ecologist

Chuck
① Cianwood Gym
② Fighting
③ Storm Badge
④ Ashram owner

Blue
① Viridian Gym
② ?
③ Earth Badge
④ None

Bugsy
① Azalea Gym
② Bug
③ Hive Badge
④ Archaeologist

Sabrina
① Saffron Gym
② Psychic
③ Marsh Badge
④ None

Morty
① Ecruteak Gym
② Ghost
③ Fog Badge
④ Lost-and-found

Lt. Surge
① Vermilion Gym
② Electric
③ Thunder Badge
④ Crew of S.S. Aqua

Falkner
① Violet Gym
② Flying
③ Zephyr Badge
④ Police Officer

Janine
① Fuchsia Gym
② Poison
③ Soul Badge
④ Freelancer

Whitney
① Goldenrod Gym
② Normal
③ Plain Badge
④ Artiste

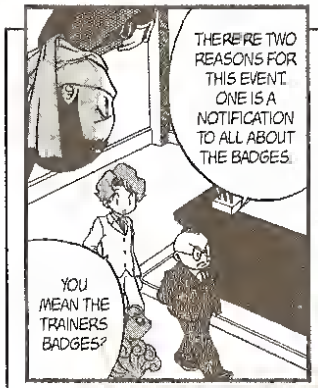
Jasmine
① Olivine Gym
② ?
③ Mineral Badge
④ Lighthouse watcher

Brock
① Pewter Gym
② Rock
③ Boulder Badge
④ Security for Science Museum

Misty
① Cerulean Gym
② Water
③ Cascade Badge
④ None

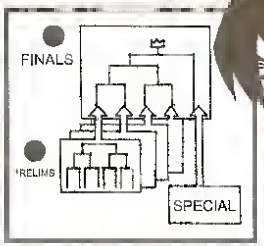
① Gym
② Expert Type
③ Badges at hand
④ Occupation

The data of all the 16 leaders are summarized in this page!!



04 Badges and Qualifications for Pokémon League

All the gym leaders have the same authority in giving out badges. And the Pokémon Association has laid out a new regulation. Trainers, who manage to collect all the badges, will be able to skip the prelims to the finals of the Pokémon League. This regulation is only implemented in the tenth League. It is hence expected that more trainers will be challenging the gym leaders. (Chapter 150)



Trainers with all eight badges don't have to enter the prelims and get to battle in the finals directly

▲ Trainers from Kanto and Johto will now aim to collect all eight badges from the leaders in their respective areas

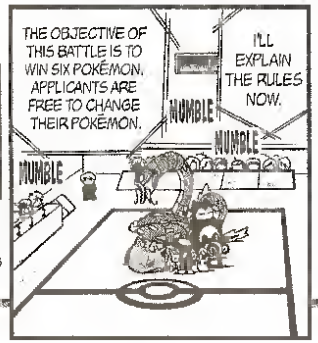
Reference: Badge Energy Amplifier

These badges from the gym leader were once used by evildoers, such as Team Rocket and the Elite Four to obtain powerful energies with the help of this amplifier. In order to right this wrongful image of the badges, the association has laid out the new regulation, so that people can once again associate the badges with the strong and skilled.

THE GYMS HAVE SINCE BEEN EMPTY WITHOUT A LEADER.
AND THE GYM LEADERS OF FUCHSIA CITY AND VIRIDIAN CITY, SUSPECTED OF THE SAME CHARGE ARE BEING GROVE.

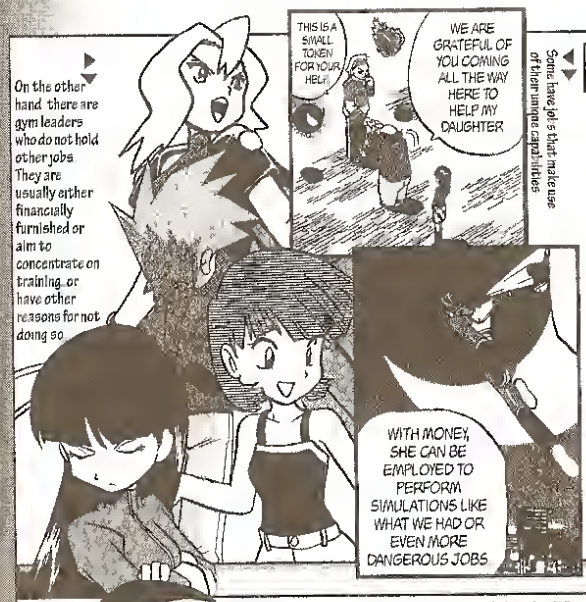
▲ There are also cases where leaders are removed from their position after they choose to abandon their responsibilities for long periods of time.

▼ A real battle is used to test the applicants' skills.


THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS BATTLE IS TO WIN SIX POKÉMON. APPLICANTS ARE FREE TO CHANGE THEIR POKÉMON.
I'LL EXPLAIN THE RULES NOW.
HUMBLE
HUMBLE
HUMBLE

05 Inauguration Examination and Qualifications

Each leader is selected carefully by the Association. An examination is carried out to test applicants' battle skills, knowledge, and personalities etc. to check their qualifications to be a leader. (Chapter 115)


On the other hand, there are gym leaders who do not hold other jobs. They are usually either financially furnished or aim to concentrate on training, or have other reasons for not doing so.
THIS IS A SMALL TOKEN FOR YOUR HELP.
WE ARE GRATEFUL OF YOU COMING ALL THE WAY HERE TO HELP MY DAUGHTER
Some have jobs that make use of their unique capabilities
WITH MONEY, SHE CAN BE EMPLOYED TO PERFORM SIMULATIONS LIKE WHAT WE HAD OR EVEN MORE DANGEROUS JOBS.

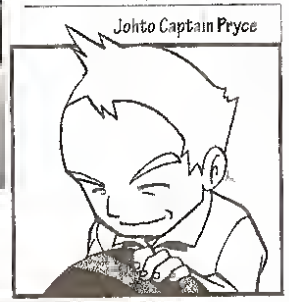
06 Gym Leaders' Income

The Association provides each gym with a reasonable amount of "Gym Management Fee". However, the gym leaders can choose to continue with their jobs and vocations. Most of the gym leaders have continued to work as before, even after being inaugurated as leaders (refer to Personal Data on page 203). Hence they can also been seen outside of the gyms, at work. (Chapter 125, 136 etc.)

Kanto Captain Erika

▲ Erika was appointed as the captain after a discussion amongst the Kanto leaders.

▼ After witnessing Pryce's battle skills the director personally recommended him to be the captain of Johto team



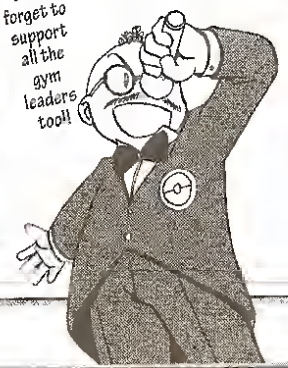
Johto Captain Pryce

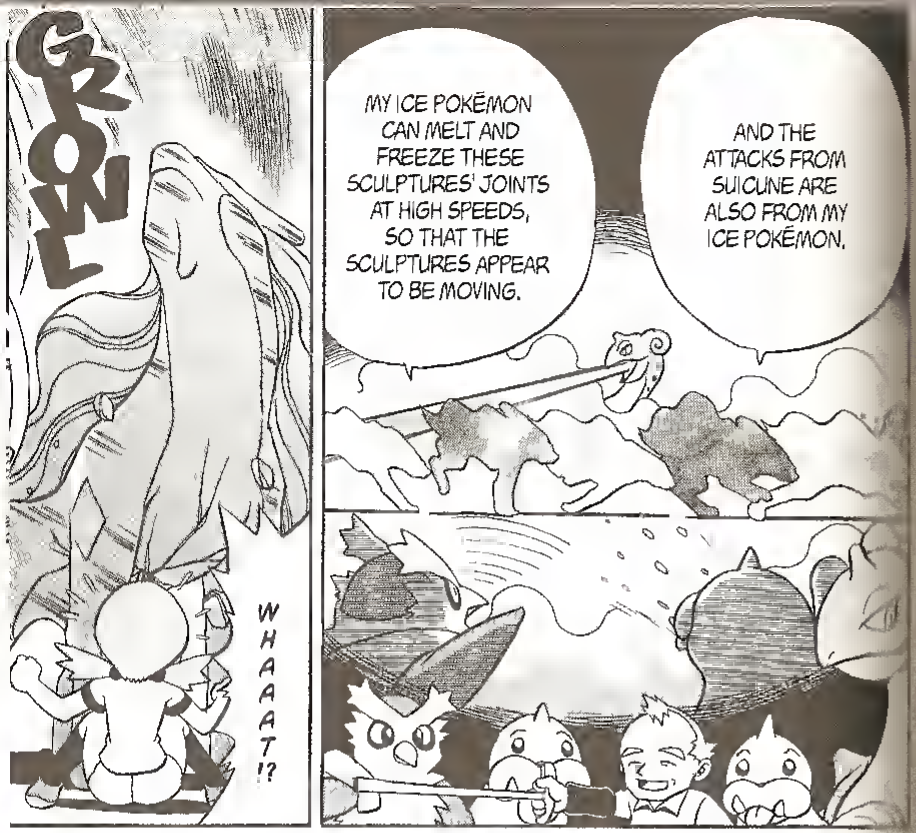
07 Exhibition Match: Tournament of the Gym Leaders

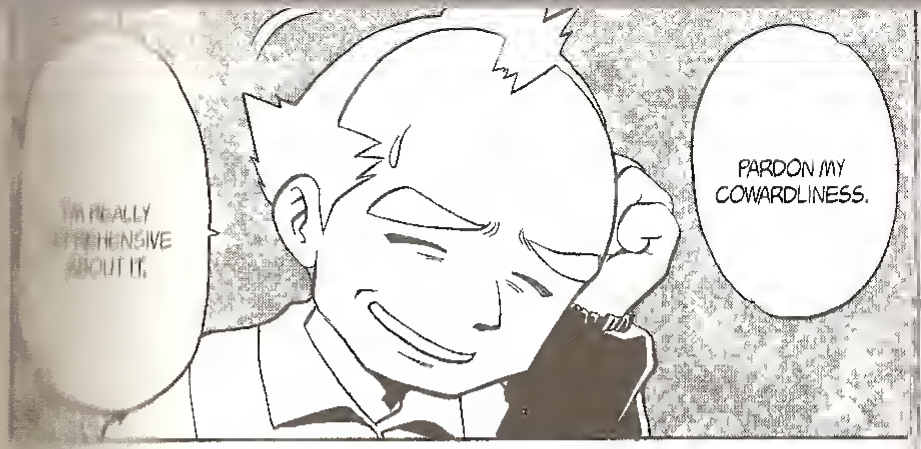
As trainers rarely have a chance to witness a Pokemon battle between two leaders, the Association has decided to organize this Exhibition Match at the tenth Pokémon League. Trainers now have a chance to find out about the leaders' prowess up close. (Chapter 154)

Kanto			Johto
Brock			Jasmine
Misty			Whitney
Janine			Falkner
Lt. Surge			Morty
Sabrina			Bugsy
Blue			Chuck
Blaine			Claire
Erika			Pryce

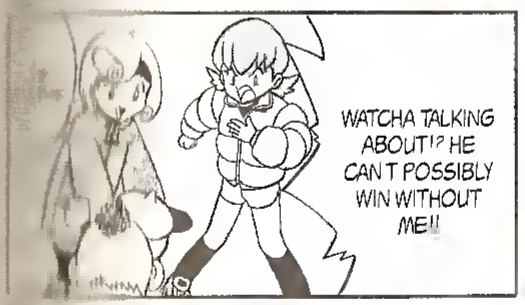
◀ In the Exhibition Match the team with the most winners will win the Gym Leaders Tournament



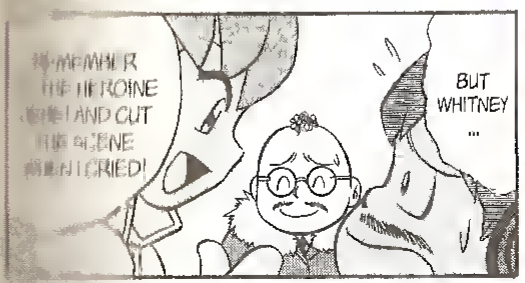

GRRR
WHAAAAT!?
MY ICE POKÉMON CAN MELT AND FREEZE THESE SCULPTURES' JOINTS AT HIGH SPEEDS, SO THAT THE SCULPTURES APPEAR TO BE MOVING.
AND THE ATTACKS FROM SUICUNE ARE ALSO FROM MY ICE POKÉMON.

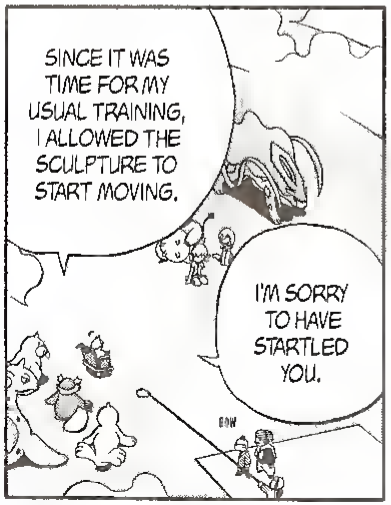

I'M REALLY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT IT.
PARDON MY COWARDLINESS.

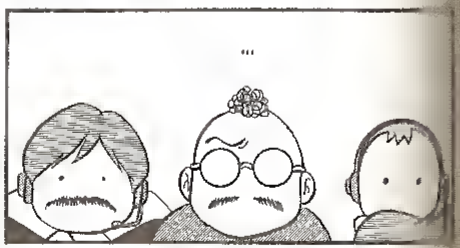
I'M SURE HE'LL BE ABLE TO CAPTURE THE REAL SUICUNE.


WATCHA TALKING ABOUT!? HE CAN'T POSSIBLY WIN WITHOUT ME!!

I MUST SAY HE'S THE BEST GYM LEADER I'VE SEEN.
HE'S THE BEST PERSON FOR THAT "POSITION" DURING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE.


BUT WHITNEY ...


SINCE IT WAS TIME FOR MY USUAL TRAINING, I ALLOWED THE SCULPTURE TO START MOVING.
I'M SORRY TO HAVE STARTLED YOU.
BOW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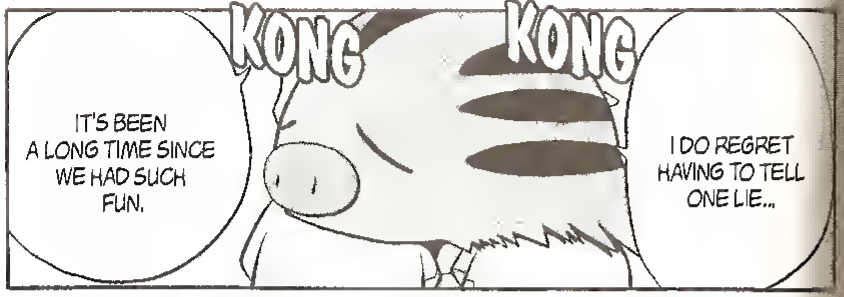
I MUST TRAIN FOR THAT.
THAT'S BECAUSE I THOUGHT SUICUNE MIGHT COME HERE TOO.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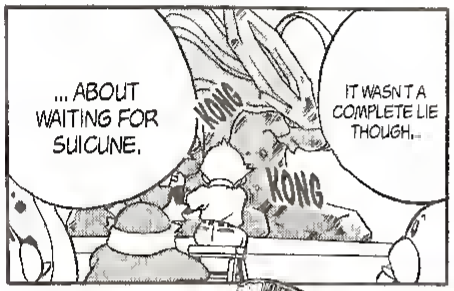
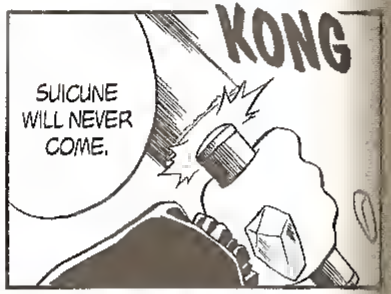
KONG
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE HAD SUCH FUN.
I DO REGRET HAVING TO TELL ONE LIE...


... ABOUT WAITING FOR SUICUNE.
KONG
KONG
IT WASN'T A COMPLETE LIE THOUGH...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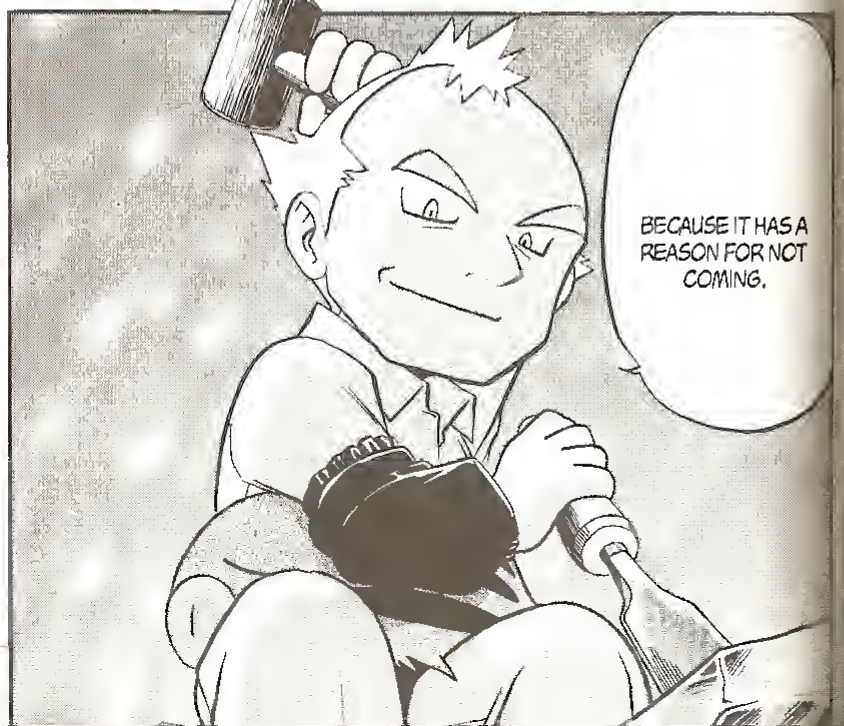
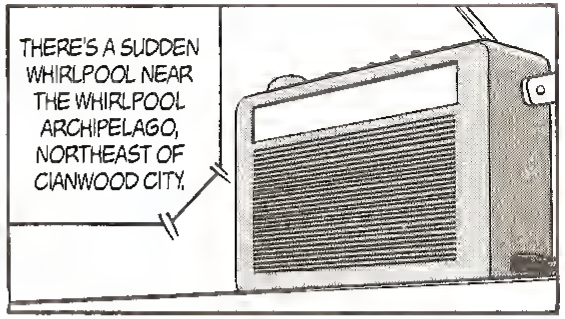
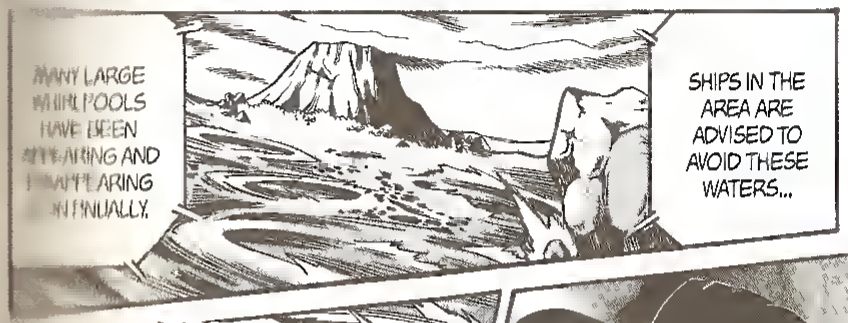
SUICUNE WILL NEVER COME.

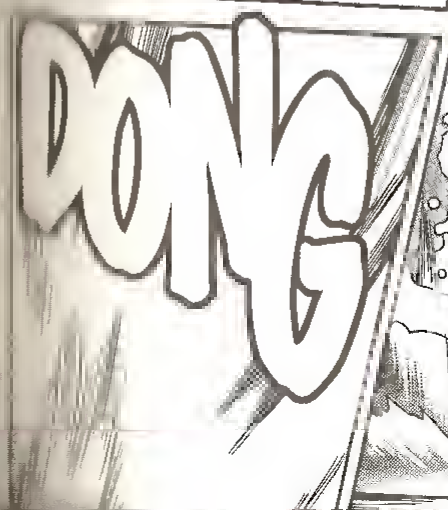

BECAUSE IT HAS A REASON FOR NOT COMING.

KINN
... NEXT WE HAVE THE WEATHER REPORTS FOR JOHTO AREA.


THERE'S A SUDDEN WHIRLPOOL NEAR THE WHIRLPOOL ARCHIPELAGO, NORTHEAST OF CIANWOOD CITY.


MANY LARGE WHIRLPOOLS HAVE BEEN APPEARING AND DISAPPEARING INTENSELY.
SHIPS IN THE AREA ARE ADVISED TO AVOID THESE WATERS...

WHIRL


DONG

WOOSH